The Fat Best Practices Working Group prepared three documents that were presented at the AAFCO January 2014 Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans. These linked documents are:

1) *Crude Fat Methods Considerations* paper that provides an overview of the chemical concepts that need to be considered when selecting the appropriate fat method.

2) *Fat Methods Scope & Matrix Table*. In this table, the green cell (under both the summary tab and the details tab) indicates which matrix(s) meets the scope statement of that particular fat method. The yellow cell under the details tab implies the method may be applicable for that matrix.

3) *Fat Best Practices Guidelines* are just guidelines and are not to be viewed as requirements.

Note: These documents are “living” documents and are intended to provide guidance (not requirements) in fat method selection. These documents will be updated as needed when new or revised fat methods are developed by scientific evaluation and validation studies.

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