

Current Issues and Outreach Committee Report/Minutes
2018 Midyear Meeting
Hyatt Regency Orange County
Garden Grove, California
Monday, January 22, 2018
10:00 am – 10:30 am

Committee Recommendations

Committee recommendations summary or list
None

Board Recommendations

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Association Recommendations

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None

Committee Participants

Members Present: Ali Kashani (WA-Chair), Liz Higgins (NM-Vice-Chair), Tim Darden (NM), Meagan Davis (LA), Tim Lyons (MI), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Shaness Thomas (FL), Kent Kitade (Life Member)

Advisors Present: Leah Wilkinson (AFIA), David Dzanis (APPA), David Fairfield (NGFA), David Meeker (NRA), Jason Vickers (PFI), Tomas Belloso (NGFA), Angela Mills (AFIA)

Committee Report

Committee Activities

ACTIONS:

Committee Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am PST by Chair, Ali Kashani (WA) Note: due to a change in the General Session, CIOC was started earlier than the listed time.

Announcements:

A future meeting topic was proposed to be antimicrobial resistance.

Modifications to Agenda:

None

Working Group Reports:

AAFCO News Feed – Liz Higgins - NM

Liz Higgins (NM) gave an update on the recent AAFCO News Feed (Volume 2, Issue 2) which was published on November 20, 2017.

Outreach Communication – Ali Kashani, WA

Outreach communication strategy has been sent out and is available in Feed BIN. Comments are requested. Additionally, volunteers are needed for FSMA Implementation Outreach. Please contact Ali Kashani for more information.

Discussion:

Codex Task Force – Leah Wilkinson, AFIA:

Leah Wilkinson with the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) gave a presentation on the 5th Session of the Codex task force on antimicrobial resistance (TFAMR). TFAMR was held Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2017 in Jeju, South Korea. The American Feed Industry Association (Leah Wilkinson) was there as a member of the U.S. Delegation. The International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) also had two representatives. The terms of reference include work on animal feed in monitoring and surveillance for AMR and also to modify the code of practice to minimize AMR transfer through feed. FAO/WHO has been asked for expert consultation on a number of topics, including feed. The highest priorities for this FAO/WHO consultation are use of antimicrobials on plants, biocides used in meat processing/food processing and environment. The FAO/WHO consultations will work and the two subgroups on the code of practice and monitoring and surveillance will be working throughout this year. The next TF meeting will be in early Dec. 2018.

AAFCO is monitoring Codex updates and any updates involving animal feed will be posted to the Feed BIN.

Welcome to California – Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture:

Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture was appointed on January 2, 2011. Secretary Ross addressed the AAFCO membership and discussed the importance of agriculture in California. California is ranked first in the US for agricultural cash receipts and agricultural exports. It is important to have open transparent processes with input from all players involved. She indicated that agriculture is a renewable resource industry and we must look forward and must maintain flexibility to adapt to change. There is an increased interest in all aspects of the food system to eliminate waste and to divert by-products from landfill to other sources including animal agriculture. Agriculture is dynamic and geographic specific – no one size fits all. She welcomed AAFCO members and industry to the midyear meeting.

NASDA Model Animal Food Safety Implementation Framework – Dr. Bob Waltz, Office of Indiana State Chemist, Purdue University and Mr. Bob Ehart, Senior Policy and Science Advisor, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Dr. Robert Waltz and Mr. Bob Ehart both presented on the NASDA Model Animal Food Safety

Implementation Framework. They are co-leads for this project. The focus of this presentation is the Preventive Controls for Animal Food (PCAF) rule and its implementation in states, through use of the implementation framework. The PCAF Implementation Framework will assist states in making important bridges to FDA's PCAF Rule and the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS). The PCAF Framework is intended to assist States in aligning their requirements with FDA's PCAF rule and identifying the specific resources and/or funding model needed for implementation of the aligned requirements.

The challenges for states is determining how best to incorporate PCAF and other FDA rules related to FSMA and animal feeds whether it be by adoption by reference in a statute; adoption of AAFCO model bill and regulations, or adoption in administrative rule with added required authorities in statute. If states do not already have parallel authorities for the following two non-FSMA federal rules (BSE and VFD), states may want to consider including these by reference or enabling language when updating state laws.

Funding is another issue. Changes will need to be made to accommodate modifications required by the laws. States will need more inspectors to achieve the same level of inspection as is currently maintained; this will require increased federal funding likely in the form of cooperative agreements, so personnel can be hired.

The implementation framework will be released in 2018 to Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture across the US. Future working groups on elements in the implementation framework that may be difficult issues include human food manufactured but diverted to animal feed; intrastate and interstate support for microbiological analyses; continuing work on trainings to be proficient in preventive controls, and updating the 2108 Implementation Framework.

It is important that states read the implementation framework and discuss its contents with staff, regulated industry, Commissioners et al; and legislators; look at your laws and compare them to PCAF, work and have dialogue with AAFCO FSMA teams to draft state laws that are consistent with other states; begin to work on your state feed program to align the PCAF with your existing or to be developed AFRPS; and volunteer for a NASDA-AAFCO working group to gain expertise and to provide state input on further implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.