

Model Bills and Regulations Committee Report

June 15, 2021 – June 22, 2021 E-Meeting

Committee Recommendations:

The Model Bills and Regulations Committee recommends the following revisions be made to Chapter Five of the AAFCO Official Publication, and that the AAFCO Board of Directors review the proposed revisions for future consideration by the Association membership.

The Model Bills and Regulations Committee recommends publishing these guidelines in the AAFCO OP on page 240 of the 2021 AAFCO Official Publication.

Common Food Index

Purpose:

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The CFI is intended for ingredients that are considered common foods that do not require a safety assessment. The CFI is not a substitute for the AAFCO process for new feed ingredient definitions; Chapter 6 of the *Official Publication*, alone, maintains the officially recognized feed ingredient definitions.

Subcommittee:

A CFI subcommittee of four (4) AAFCO members will be appointed by the Chair of the Ingredient Definition Committee (IDC).

The subcommittee will investigate the proposed common foods alone or with assistance of experts anytime the subcommittee deems it necessary. Experts are not limited to regulatory officials or academia and may include other stakeholders with relevant knowledge. Experts shall declare any conflicts of interest as a condition of consideration of their participation.

The CFI subcommittee will provide a report of recommendations for modifications to the CFI to the IDC prior to each IDC meeting.

Indexing:

IDC must accept the CFI subcommittee report for addition to the index. IDC challenges to common foods in the subcommittee report can be accomplished with a motion to strike the item(s) in the list prior to report acceptance.

The CFI may be edited immediately upon acceptance of the IDC meeting minutes by the AAFCO Board of Directors (BOD). No further action by the BOD or membership acceptance is required.

The CFI will be maintained on the AAFCO.org website and incorporated into the Online Database of Ingredients (ODI) for reference.

Note:

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Board Recommendations:

Association Actions:

Committee Report and Minutes:

Chairman Doug Lueders called a special e-meeting of the Model Bills and Regulations Committee the meeting to order on June 15, 2021.

Chairman Lueders stated that the MBRC had been requested to review a proposed SUIP for a Common Foods Index. The Chair electronically distributed the Ingredient Definitions Committee proposal for SUIP xx: Common Foods Index. Ken Bowers moved that at the MBRC recommend to the BOD the proposed SUIP xx: Common Foods Index as presented. (Attachment A).

Richard TenEyck seconded the motion.

In the following discussion the placement of the proposal as a SUIP was the primary discussion point. George Ferguson moved to Table the Motion until the MBRC meeting in August. Eric Brady Seconded the motion. The motion to Table was defeated.

A conference call was held on June 22, 2021. Discussion was continued on the main motion. Ken Bowers and Richard TenEyck withdrew their motion and second. Ken Bowers moved to approve the Common Foods Index as a stand-alone guidance document and forward to the Board of Directors and request to publish the document on page 240 of the 2021 AAFCO Official Publication.

Richard TenEyck seconded the motion.

Chairman Lueders opened the floor for discussion. The discussion that followed was favorable for the change from the initial SUIP placement to that of a stand-alone guidance document in Chapter 5. Chairman Lueders called for a voice vote. All voters were in favor of the motion. Chairman Lueders declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

Since the Guidelines for the Common Foods Index was the single item for the meeting, the announcement of a majority vote to accept the motion effectively approved the meeting minutes. Chairman Lueders thanked everyone for attendance on the call. The meeting adjourned on June 22 at 10:34 AM CST on June 22, 2021

On behalf of the Model Bills and Regulations Committee, I respectfully submit this report and request acceptance of the report by the AAFCO Board of Directors.

Attachment A:

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