

Model Bills and Regulations Committee Minutes
2022 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
Jan. 18, 2022 – Mobile, Alabama

Committee Recommendations:

Board Recommendations:

Association Actions:

Committee Report and Minutes:

Model Bills and Regulations Committee Chairman Doug Lueders called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. central on Jan. 18, 2022.

Committee members participating in the meeting were: Dan King, Committee vice-Chair (Minnesota), Ken Bowers (Kansas), Eric Brady (Tennessee), David Dressler (Pennsylvania), George Ferguson (North Carolina) Darrell Johnson (Kentucky), Sherrie Krolczyk (FDA), Eric Nelson (FDA), Richard Ten Eyck (Oregon), Tim Tyson (FDA) and Scott Ziehr (Colorado).

Industry advisers participating were Meghan Dicks and Steve Younker (AFIA), Dave Dzanis (ACVN), Emily Helmes (ETA), Jan Campbell and David Fairfield (NGFA), and Angele Thompson and Pat Tovey (PFI).

AAFCO Executive Director Sue Hayes and AAFCO Executive Assistant Melissa Kunze also participated in the meeting.

Minutes from Previous Committee Meetings

Chairman Lueders noted that minutes from the committee's Aug. 4, 2021 virtual meeting were previously approved on Aug. 30, posted on the AAFCO website and in the Feed BIN, and included within the 2022 AAFCO Midyear Meeting Committee Report Book.

Labeling Workgroup Report

Mr. Ziehr reported that the labeling workgroup recommended the current language in Model Bill section 3 (j) (page 114 of the 2022 AAFCO OP) be stricken and replaced with:

The term "labeling" means (1) all labels and other materials upon a commercial feed or any of its containers or wrappers, or (2) accompanying or supporting such commercial feed published or communicated in any manner.

During the subsequent discussion about the recommendation, the following concerns were expressed:

1. The grammatical structure of the language being recommended is not correct (the second clause of the definition (2) cannot stand alone as a coherent sentence).
2. The word "published" within the proposed definition is ambiguous.
3. The phrase "or communicated in any manner" is quite broad and could be construed to mean any verbal or other communication about the commercial feed, whether authorized or not by the guarantor.

In response to committee discussion on the recommendation, Mr. Lueders charged the workgroup to further consider the definition and provide recommendations to the committee for review during the 2022 AAFCO Annual Meeting.

Flavors and Colors Workgroup Report

Mr. King, as chair of the workgroup established to evaluate issues associated with 21 CFR 501.22 flavor and colors requirements and make recommendations on whether and how AAFCO should address, reported the workgroup conducted three meetings and concluded that AAFCO does not need to take further actions to address the topic.

Mr. Dressler moved to accept the workgroup report and to disband the workgroup. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowers. The committee voted to approve the motion.

Adjournment

Chairman Lueders asked whether there was any old or new business to be considered by the committee. Given that none was identified, the committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m. central.

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 and the Association membership.