



Feed Labeling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 11, 2017
1:30 – 2:30 PM
2017 AAFCO Annual Meeting
Bellevue, WA

Committee Participants

Members Present:

Chair: Dave Dressler (PA); Vice Chair: Dave Phillips (ND); Jason Schmidt (LA), Liz Beckman (WA), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Miriam Johnson (NC), Erin Bubb (PA), Mika Alewynse (FDA), George Ferguson (NC), Tim Darden (NM), Heather Bartley (WI), Al Harrison (KY).

Advisors Present:

Dave Dzanis (ACVN/APPA), Sue Hays (WBFI), Jan Campbell (NGFA), Chris Olinger (NGFA), Angela Mills (AFIA), Meghan Dicks (AFIA), Lorri Chavez (PFI), Pat Tovey (PFI).

A quorum was established to proceed with the meeting.

Introductions and Agenda Review

David Dressler called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM PDT. Due to the filled agenda, roll call of members and advisors was not taken.

Feed Label Review Software

Over the last several meetings, we have discussed the need for a more efficient label review process. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture staff, along with Steve Stewart and Oca Hoeflein from Knowledge Vault, saw a need and developed an Ingredient List Validation on Excel. Steve gave an overview over the phone about what was developed. Several reasons for ingredient statement reviews are needed, standard label review, requests for free sale certificates, and samples.

Establishing the database is labor intensive to set up, because it references pages on the OP and CFR. The database also has a list of ingredient terms that would need to be maintained. Going forward, if AAFCO wishes to adopt this model, discussion would need to be had about where this software will be maintained, and who will be responsible for updating it. Question was asked if this could be incorporated in the online OP.

Dave Phillips formed a workgroup to determine if this is something we want to proceed with and to figure out the cost of this going forward. Dave plans to report to the committee during the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting.

Updates to the Non-Pet Food Labeling Guide

The labeling guide review was completed. There have been updates made, such as changing of label examples that use VFD drugs.



A request was made to change the name of the guide, such as Commercial Feed Labeling Guide. No motion was made to make this change. Will revisit this at the 2018 mid-year meeting to decide on the final name.

Discussion was held about changing the format to make it more appealing, a searchable PDF, and be similar to the Pet Food Labeling Guide. During the 2018 mid-year meeting, Meagan Davis will present options for improvements to the guide.

VFD Labeling

Discussion was held to determine if the committee would like to do anything with the new VFD rule. The Blue Bird labels are available on the website. FDA already provides the necessary examples. The example labels in the OP are not for medicated feed; only the examples in the labeling guide.

A suggestion was made to add a link or directive to visit FDA's website in the OP.

Update to Expert Panel for Nutrient Indicators Review for Beef Cattle

Al Harrison formed a work group, and they have their first conference call planned for September. The group will continue to work throughout the fall/winter and should have recommendations to the group at the 2018 Mid-year meeting.

Medicated Feed Labeling

Medicated feed labels are required to follow blue bird labels, however it can be confusing to regulators, because they need to know which specific blue bird label to review. It was requested that the committee determine if NADA numbers should be included on the product label or with the registration packet (so labels don't have to be changed). Industry was not in favor of requiring this on the label due to the labor and monetary costs to make such changes.

A comment was received from CVM that with today's different sources of drugs, it may be needed to include the NADA number on the product labels.

Non-Medicated Feed Labeling Workshop

The workshop is scheduled for all day July 28 and half day July 29, 2017. This will be the Saturday and Sunday prior to the AAFCO Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

A workgroup was formed to set the agenda and determine speakers. It was recommended that one regulatory and one industry representative present on each topic.

A survey was given to all attendees on the first day of the annual meeting. This survey contained ideas for topics to cover during the workshop and asked if anyone would be interested in participating on the workgroup. Responses have been received and those interested in joining the workgroup have been added. The workgroup will have conference calls throughout the fall to develop the agenda for the workshop.



Labeling of Single Feed Ingredients

A topic was brought to the committee chair to discuss proper labeling of single feed ingredients. Clarification is needed to determine what exactly we should be discussing. There have been several examples presented during workshops for single ingredient feeds. Or, is this topic to be about products like enzymes, which commonly have more than one ingredient, or single ingredients (i.e. soybean meal) or technical additives.

The committee chair was unable to remember the source of the topic, so discussion ended, pending more clarification.

There were no other topics for discussion.

Committee Adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Action Item Table

Responsible	Item	Action	Timing / Status
Al Harrison and Work Group	Expert Panel Report	Expert Panel reviewing the NRC requirements and to give a report of recommendations.	January 2018
Mika Alewynse & Meagan Davis Angela Mills & Thomas Belloso	Non-Pet Food Label Design & Format Guide	Determine recommendations for name change and formatting	January 2018
Workshop Working Group	Non-Medicated Feed Labeling Workshop	Develop agenda and select presenters	January 2018
David Phillips and work group	Feed Label Review Software	Determine the costs for developing and maintaining software to aid in label reviews. Determine other logistics associated with the software.	January 2018