



Proficiency Testing Program Committee Report/Minutes

AAFCO Mid-Year Meeting
January 16, 2017, 1:30 – 5:30 PM, Mobile, AL

Committee Recommendations

Committee recommendation summary or list.

(1) None

Board Recommendations

Board recommendation summary or list.

(1) None.

Association Actions

Association action summary or list.

(1) None.

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Committee Activities

ACTION: None

Sub-Committee Activities

ACTION: None

Committee Minutes

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Review and Approval of Agenda
 - a) Review of the agenda. Approved
- 3) Introductions – sign-up sheet sent around.
- 4) Program Leadership and Administrative Update
 - a) Participant Guidebook - and FAQ - Described both items.
 - b) Update committee description in AAFCO Procedures Manual
 - i) Update description of PTP Advisory Committee to reflect the name change from Check Sample Program (CSP) to Proficiency Testing Program (PTP) as well as other editorial changes.
 - c) There will be a price increase after the FDA cooperative agreement ends. It is the intent to keep the program “affordable”. Max increase expected to be 25%. Homogeneity testing costs are currently kept low by volunteers. This helps keep the costs affordable.
 - d) Program Committee leadership:
 - i) Chair / Program Manager – Brenda Snodgrass
 - ii) Vice-Chair / Quality Manager – Louise Ogden
 - iii) Statistician - Andy Crawford, Ph.D.
 - iv) Technical Advisor – Nancy Thiex
 - e) The new test round approval letter that is provided with each round test results was reviewed.
 - f) Accreditation update – The PT Program Managers started working on getting program accredited in early June 2016. ANAB (formerly ACLASS) was selected to be the accrediting body and the site visit took place January 3-5, 2017. AAFCO has 6 months to address the audit findings. Initially the scope will cover the animal feed and pet food schemes, with the mycotoxin and the mineral schemes being incorporated later. Goal is to have all completed prior to the expiration of the FDA grant.



- g) A survey was sent to all feed subscribers and will soon be sent to the pet food subscribers. It was sent to 246 subscribers – 138 US. 71 were completed. It was stressed that subscribers should notify AAFCO if a package has been damaged during shipment. A FAQ section and a Participants Guidebook are both available on the AAFCO web site. Questions or comments regarding these docs are GREATLY appreciated (e-mail pt@AAFCO.org).
 - h) A mycotoxin survey is planned to gauge interest in additional bags of material for mycotoxin testing. Upon the completion of the survey, the PT Program managers will consider the subscribers' needs and update the PT Program purchasing website (FASS Dashboard) to reflect the number of additional packets a lab can purchase, if appropriate.
- 2) Program Summary
- a) Program Participation Report – current enrollment
 - i) AAFCO PTP 2016 Participation (PowerPoint file attached) - Andy Crawford reported that there were approximately 160-200+ labs submitting results in the feed scheme.
 - ii) Discussion on change of drugs reporting units specifically hygromycin B units to mg/Kg (ppm). A motion to change the hygromycin reporting units to mg/kg (ppm) failed. Issue was tabled pending the collection of more data.
 - iii) There are approximately 35 active participants in the mycotoxin scheme. Trilogy prepares the materials by mixing feed material with incurred mycotoxins with uncontaminated feed material. Discussion followed splitting up the reporting of Total Aflatoxins based on whether the result was summarization of individual aflatoxin components (e.g., by LC-MS/MS) or a total as reported based on various rapid test kit methods. A question will be included in the Mycotoxin Contaminant survey (Noted in Minutes Item 4.h) to determine interest of all scheme participants.
 - iv) Mineral scheme now has around 30 participants.
 - v) Requests from participants discussion
 - (1) Add theobromine/caffeine as an adulterant to pet food; not feasible at this time
 - (2) Add MP-AES to the method code list; technology is not widespread use at this time, continue to use Miscellaneous Method reporting code.
- 3) Promotional efforts–AAFCO Check Sample Programs
- a) Opportunities –
 - i) Midwest AOAC meeting, Nancy and Louise will be presenting at the May 2017 meeting in Minneapolis, MN,
 - ii) Update the AAFCO Resources for Laboratories slide set and make available to committee members to present at meetings,



- iii) Provide handouts for committee members to hand out at meetings,
- iv) Gina Clapper suggested getting ad space and facilities sometimes extended to not-for-profit companies as well as setting up a cross distribution system for brochures between AAFCO and AOCS. Future Program Improvements – B. Snodgrass and L. Ogden
- b) Suggested that PTP trend past years' data for enrollment.
- 4) Roundtable
 - a) The issue of program improvements was discussed. Currently feed medications are sourced commercially and their availability is difficult to predict. The VFD process may further negatively affect our ability to source material. It was agreed to ask FDA for an exemption as well as prepare a 6-month plan of the medications to be included in round.
 - b) One lab having issues with separating certain drugs - some methods aren't good for certain mixes of drugs. John Szpylka suggested that this is a method committee discussion, not an issue for the PTP, and should be referred.
 - c) Some participants do not understand that the label guarantees provided with a round are only estimates, not exact concentrations.
 - d) Asked for industry volunteers: John Szpylka, Gina Clapper, Dan Berg and Jeff Rich volunteered.
- 5) Adjournment

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