

Feed Labeling Committee Meeting Minutes  
AAFCO Annual Meeting  
Indianapolis Marriot Downtown – Indianapolis, IN  
August 6, 2012

Mika Alewynse	Doug Alderman	Jim Barritt
Nate Bartz (co-chair)	Ken Bowers	Erin Bubb
Jan Campbell	Sue Carlson	Meagan Davis
Dave Dzanis	Steve Gramlich	Sue Hayes
Jan Jarman	Miriam Johnson (co-chair)	Angela Mills
Ellen Slaymaker	Richard TenEyck	Pat Tovey
Scott Ziehr		

**1.) Label for Wild Bird Feed Containing Added Vitamins and Minerals –**

**Sue Hays: Wild Bird Feeding Industry**

Sue Hays presented an example label for a wild bird feed containing added vitamins and minerals for inclusion into the AAFCO Non-Pet Food Labeling Guide. There was a motion to accept the label “as-is” made by Richard Ten Eyck and it was seconded by Meagan Davis. Discussion included clarification as to what is required on wild bird feed labels without the addition of vitamins and minerals. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** Add label to AAFCO Non-Pet Food Labeling Guide – Nate Bartz, Miriam Johnson and Meagan Davis

**2.) Non-Lactating vs. Dry Dairy Cow Labeling –**

**Erin Bubb: PA Department of Agriculture**

Erin Bubb presented conflicts between FDA’s recent clarification and AAFCO Model Feed Regulations [Regulation 3. (a)(4)(iv)(a)(6)] in regards to animal class-specific feed labeling for non-lactating vs. dry dairy cows. There was a motion to form a work group to address any needed changes or clarification in the OP and any other AAFCO guidance made by Richard Ten Eyck and it was seconded by Ken Bowers. There was no additional discussion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** A work group will address any needed changes or clarification in the OP and any other AAFCO guidance – Erin Bubb

*The working group consists of Erin Bubb, Jan Campbell and Dragan Momcilovic.*

**3.) Equine Nutrition Panel Update –**

**Miriam Johnson (Work Group Chair): NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

It was announced that the Equine Nutrition Panel had completed their recommendations. The recommendations will be distributed to committee

members and advisors for discussion at the Midyear Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** Distribute the Equine Nutritional Panel recommendations and discuss in Albuquerque – Miriam Johnson

**4.) Selenium Labeling Work Group Update –**

**Nate Bartz (Work Group Chair): WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

Nate Bartz reported that the Selenium Labeling Work Group had completed their report and the report was submitted to Dr. Paul Sundberg, Vice President of Science and Technology for the National Pork Board. Dr. Sundberg will present the information at the next stakeholder meeting and gather input and comments for the work group.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** Work with Dr. Sundberg in collecting input from the National Pork Board and present this information to the work group for further discussion – Nate Bartz

**5.) Sulfur Labeling Work Group Update –**

**Leah Wilkinson: American Feed Industry Association**

Leah Wilkinson reported that the Sulfur Labeling Work Group had completed their report. The report included the recommendation that no new labeling requirements be put into place, rather industry should improve education and outreach on this topic. There was a motion to accept the Sulfur Labeling Work Group's report made by Richard Ten Eyck and it was seconded by Jan Jarman. Discussion included an overview of a recent suspected sulfur toxicity in cattle incident in North Carolina. There was some discussion on postponing the acceptance of the work groups' report until the NC case was further studied. Some industry advisors believed that this was an isolated incident and the report should be accepted. Some committee members believed that there had been enough suspected sulfur toxicity cases to merit a continuation of the work group's research. Some industry advisors stated that industry-led education and outreach to consumers would yield better results than added sulfur labeling requirements. The vote was called for and the motion carried.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** The Sulfur Labeling Work Group is dissolved. Industry will increase education and outreach to consumers on this Topic – AFIA & NGFA

**6.) Utilization of Feed Labeling Workshop Presentation –**

**Meagan Davis: LA Department of Agriculture**

Meagan Davis presented the issue of the loss of audio recording capabilities during the Feed Labeling Workshop held at the 2011 Midyear Meeting at St. Pete's Beach, FL. Workshop attendees were promised an electronic copy of the presentation. There is also a desire to offer this presentation to those who were not able to attend the workshop. Some options were discussed and it was decided that the Feed Labeling Workshop Coordinating Committee would put together a proposal addressing these topics.

**FURTHER ACTIONS:** The Feed Labeling Workshop Coordinating Committee will put together a proposal regarding making the workshop presentations available to both attendees and those who were not able to attend – Meagan Davis, Miriam Johnson and Nate Bartz

**7.) Other Topics for Discussion –**

**Dr. Dave Dzanis:** Inquired if there would be consideration to look at the other species (Dairy and Beef Cattle, other classes and species as well) and do what was done for equines and possibly change the nutritional indicators? Fiber guarantees, in particular, was brought up. It was suggested that this would likely happen, however there are limited resources. The recently updated nutrient profiles for dogs and cats were mentioned. There was a suggestion that one or two species/classes could be looked at per year. This could be brought up for further discussion at the upcoming Midyear Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

**Nate Bartz:** Gave a brief update on the single ingredient feed labeling work group. Ricky Schroeder would be continuing to work on this and would have an update for the Midyear Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

Meeting Adjourned.