Laura Scott presented an update on the continuing discussion relative to the regulatory renewal process that is currently underway in Canada as part of a larger change agenda at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

The CFIA regulates feed and food in Canada under different regulatory authorities. With respect to human food, the Safe Food for Canadians Act was passed in 2012, and the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations are anticipated to be published for public comment in Canada Gazette I in the near future (note: the Regulations were published on January 21, 2017 and are available here [http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-01-21/html/reg1-eng.php#reg] for comment until April 21, 2017).

Feed regulatory modernization is about six months behind the Food modernization. The Animal Feed Division at the CFIA has been consulting on the proposed approach in preparation for publication in Canada Gazette I. A consolidated proposal was posted for comment in early 2016. Comments from that consultation along with other feedback were incorporated and used to create drafting instructions. These were then forwarded along to drafters to create the proposed regulatory text.

While the regulatory text is being drafted the Animal Feed Division continues to consult on some technical proposals. Over the summer of 2016 CFIA consulted on proposed approaches to Weed Seeds, Required Nutrient Guarantees, Permissible Claims, and the use of Veterinary Biologics in feeds. Summaries of the comments received on these consultations are available on the CFIA website. In the fall of 2016 CFIA consulted on proposals for maximum limits for nutrients in Swine and Poultry feeds. These comments are still under review. The next steps include consulting on maximum nutrient limits for additional livestock species (Beef and Dairy cattle, Fish) and maximum contaminant levels for both biological contaminants (e.g. mycotoxins and salmonella) and chemical contaminants (e.g. dioxin and heavy metals). The CFIA encourages feedback on these proposals.