

**Feed and Feed Ingredient Manufacturing Committee Report from 2012 AAFCO Annual Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, August 4, 2012**

**Recommendations to the Board:**

Nil

**Items Discussed**

**1. Welcome and Committee Member Introduction**

Thompson welcomed members, advisors and guests to the meeting. Committee members and advisors seated at the front table introduced themselves.

**2. US Federal Regulatory Update - FSMA Food Safety Alliance Activities (Kim Young)**

Dan McChesney had provided an update on FSMA and other program modifications, e.g., Salmonella guidance at the Current Issues and Outreach Committee meeting earlier in the day so Kim's focus for the FFIMC was focused on the Food Safety Alliance.

Industry will need help with developing their plans and the Alliance will provide support in this area. The alliance will have a first draft (human) side completed in two weeks and will hold a face-to-face meeting two weeks after that. On the animal food side, a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning to decide how to follow through with the necessary training and which guidance documents should be developed right away.

**3. Canadian Regulatory Update**

January meeting had identified that the CFIA was undergoing a regulatory renewal exercise. Feed is in the first wave of programs to be reviewed. This is viewed as a positive step and provides a good opportunity to review the way feed is regulated in Canada. Also, the timing is good because FSMA rollout is coming and will be a good opportunity to make sure that they line up.

The regulatory process in Canada is a multi-step process. In first phase, we identify what folks are looking for in regulations over the longer term. There is lots of consultation and opportunities for comments similar to US process. The CFIA is using the Codex Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding as a starting point. This is an internationally recognized approach with regard to food safety but we will also need to layer on animal health and consumer protection aspects. The CFIA has met with about 30 groups so far to discuss and request feedback/input. An on-line survey with a discussion paper has been posted on the CFIA web-site to allow for additional comments from individuals, associations, and other governments.

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/feeds/consultations/modernization/eng/1343918072836/1343918142175> The CFIA is looking for constructive comments to assist them in going forward. Deadline for comments is October 5, 2012.

A multi-stakeholder meeting is planned for September 5 and 6, 2012 in Ottawa. Limiting participation to invited organizations. A report will be available on-line after the meeting. Key contact is Sergio Tulusso ([Sergio.tulusso@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:Sergio.tulusso@inspection.gc.ca) or (613) 773-7516). Presentation will be posted on the AAFCO web-site.

#### 4. Industry Stakeholder Updates

- **4<sup>th</sup> Global Food/Feed Congress, South Africa, April 2013 (Richard Sellers)**

The Congress will be held in Sun City South Africa April 8 – 12, 2013 in conjunction with the African Feed Manufacturer's Annual Meeting and International Feed Regulator's Round Table

Conference hotel and registration information is provided at <http://www.gffc2013.com>

- **AFIA Pet Food Manufacturing Facility Certification Program (Leah Wilkinson)**

New 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification program now available for pet food industry in addition to other programs. Certification is available for dry, moist and semi-moist pet foods as well as pet treats. The program is based on HACCP principles. The pet food specific program was developed at the request of AFIA members who are pet food manufacturers. The program is intended to meet/exceed the anticipated requirements of FSMA. ISO accredited parties built into the model. AFIA receives applications; certification body decides on issuing certificates and follows-up with facilities. Eurofin Scientific currently is the only authorized 3<sup>rd</sup>-party. Logo is not permitted on package but can be used on other promotional material. [www.safefeedsafefood.org](http://www.safefeedsafefood.org). The AFIA plans to have the program GFSI recognized.

- **Feed Safety Program Benchmarking – GFSI (Dave Fairfield)**

GFSI criteria have been established for compound feed and single feed ingredients. GFSI is an outgrowth of the consumer group forum with a goal of promoting continuous improvement of food safety systems. One way they do this is through benchmarking of 3<sup>rd</sup> party schemes. GFSI establishes criteria that should be included and then evaluates programs against these benchmarking criteria. GFSI has a number of benchmarking criteria for human food products. Feed technical working group (Dr. George Stark from NC is lead) and membership included EU, Japan, US (Dave Fairfield, Dave Meeker). Three meetings have been held since last August. The goal is to have agreed on the criteria by February 2013. Recommendations went to the Board and were approved in June. New criteria 6.2 are available on [www.mygfsi.com](http://www.mygfsi.com).

#### 5. Feed Contaminants Working Group Updates

- Mineral Guidelines (lead, Melton Bryant)

Fred Stuart to join work group. Mel is re-evaluating the work project. Meeting later today to decide on course of action.

- Table Top Exercises (lead, Gloria Dunnavan)

Deferred until next meeting.

#### 6. FSMA Implementation – Brainstorming on Role for AAFCO

Deferred until next meeting.

## **7. Codex Update (Judy Thompson/Richard Sellers/Randy Gordon)**

PowerPoint presentation provided an update on the progress made at the 1st Meeting of the Task Force on Animal Feeding held in Bern, Switzerland from February 20-24, 2012.

- The Task Force came to a general agreement on Scope, Introduction and main sections of Risk Assessment Document and the document progressed to next step (5) in the Codex process for adoption. Focus for discussions at the next session will be remaining outstanding issues, improving the flow and consistent use of terms. A physical working group will be established to review submitted comments relative to this document and prepare recommendations for plenary.
- The Task Force agreed to revise Scope of the document prioritizing hazards to focus on development of the criteria and provision of guidance on how governments could use these criteria for prioritizing hazards at a national level. Three criteria were accepted:
  - relevance to human health
  - extent of occurrence
  - impact on tradeWhen final the document will include examples on the application of the criteria for the prioritization. An electronic working group is currently working on this document.
- The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Bern, Switzerland February 4-8, 2013.

## **8. Insights on European Feed Regulatory and Inspection System gleaned from CFIA Missions to EC (Judy Thompson)**

A PowerPoint presentation summarized the results of the two audits conducted in Canada (feed and residues) in 2011 and provided some insights on the FVO Audit of the feed system in the Republic of Ireland.

## **9. Adjournment**

Mike Davidson moved that the meeting be adjourned.