

Feed and Feed Ingredient Manufacturing Committee Report

2013 AAFCO Mid-Year Meeting

Albuquerque

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

1:30-3:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Committee Member Introduction (Mike Davidson)

Davidson 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 Update (Eric Nelson)

Eric Nelson identified that the FSMA preventative control regulations for animal feed will be coming out in the near future. Should be similar in structure and content to the recently published food rule. FDA has attempted to keep the two rules consistent to support effective, uniform enforcement. Looking forward to receiving comments from stakeholders to ensure the rules are practical and enforceable

Additional efforts relative to mandatory recall, administrative detention, and suspension of license are required to make these new powers operational.

Report on Food Safety Preventative Controls Alliance (David Fairfield/Richard Sellers)

Work groups have been formed to develop curriculum. Three face-to face meetings of steering group so far – last one in December 2012. In the absence of the regulations, the Alliance is not able to predict the requirements. The release of the food rule provides some information on what is needed. The human food curriculum is being developed first. Development of feed curriculum to follow.

Requirement for a qualified individual can be achieved through experience and/or successful completion of the curriculum. Alliance will also be developing guidance documents to support industry compliance that should be available when the final rule is published. Currently working on hazard identification for food.

Six guidance documents to be developed for animal feed: dry feed, liquid feed, animal products, plant products, pet foods and micro-ingredients.

Considered ideal if preventative control and supplier verification rules come out at the same time.

3. Canadian Regulatory Update

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.

Linda Morrison presented an update on the consultative process currently underway in Canada. To date, the CFIA has collected input through a series of bilateral meetings, an on-line survey and a multi-stakeholder meeting held in Ottawa in September 2012. A report summarizing the results of these processes will be available on-line in February/March 2013.

After the September meeting, a Feed Regulatory Steering Group made up of key stakeholders representing the commercial feed manufacturing and livestock sectors was formed to work with the CFIA on next steps.

A Feed Ingredient Technical Workshop was held in Ottawa January 22 & 23, 2013 to clarify feed industry; user (livestock producers) and; government (CFIA) expectations for the regulatory framework for feed ingredient classification and authorization. Next step is a workshop on Feed Hazard ID/Preventative Controls Workshop in Ottawa in March 2013.

Key contact is Sergio Tulusso.

4. Industry Stakeholder Updates

Richard Sellers provided an update on AFIA's Safe Feed/Safe Food Program www.safefeedsafefood.org. The program been in place for eight years with a hazard identification and control process similar to FSMA. Lists of certified feed manufacturers, ingredient manufacturers and pet food manufacturers as well as manufacturers with international certification are available on the web-site. AFIA in the process of becoming arms length to avoid conflict of interest issues with FDA.

David Meeker, NRA. NRA has a similar program – Code of Practice 3rd-party audited 115 plants in US and Canada (representing 80-90% of the total rendered products).

5. Feed Contaminants Working Group Updates

- Mineral Guidelines (vacancy for the lead for this working group)
 - Seeking members as well as a lead
- Table Top Exercises (lead, Gloria Dunnavan) – confirming availability/interest. Needs a few volunteers. Need to develop a plan to organize a Table Top Exercise for 2015.

7. Codex Update (Judy Thompson)

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

With respect to TOR#1 - Draft guidelines which include specific science-based risk assessment criteria to apply to feed contaminants and to enable countries to prioritize and assess risks based upon local conditions, use and the impact on human health, the work is almost final.

With respect to TOR#2, Draft a prioritized list of hazards in feed ingredients and feed additives for governmental use by using clear criteria to prioritise the list of hazards and take account of the potential transfer of contaminants in feed to edible animal products, additional work is required.

The next Task Force meeting scheduled for Bern, Switzerland February 4-8, 2013 will likely be the last.

8. Other Business

Doug Lueders, MN had inquired about whether there was a need to develop GMPS for Raw Pet Food Manufacturing Facilities but the consensus was that this could be addressed through FSMA.

9. Meeting adjourned