

Inspection & Sampling Committee Minutes
Sunday August 1, 2010 – 1:15 pm
The Nines Hotel - Portland, OR

The meeting of the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) Inspection & Sampling Committee (ISC) was called to order by Andy Gray, co-chair at 1:15 p.m. The meeting was attended by 28 control officials and 9 industry advisors, and one life member. Andy Gray outlined the agenda items to be discussed and the flow of the meeting. A presentation of the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) was added to the agenda. Introductions of the committee were made and the 2010 Mid-Year minutes from Redondo Beach, CA were approved by e-vote on May 3, 2010.

New Members:

Tim Lyons of the Michigan Department of Agriculture was added as a new member. Chad Linton, AAFCO Committee Coordinator, will be sending out the announcement for updates for the ISC in the next few weeks. Anyone that would like to be added to the committee or removed from the committee as members or advisors, are to contact him for corrections to the Official Publication (OP) before September 15, 2010.

Basic Inspector Training Seminar (BITS):

Chad Linton reported that there were no inspector training seminars for 2010. North Carolina is interested in hosting the BITS in mid-September 2011 and Michigan would like to host the next Advanced Inspector Training Seminar (AITS) in mid-October 2011. Brenda Ball with AZ asked that seed be including in the BITS training for 2011.

AAFCO/Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Inspector Certification Program:

Chad Linton reported that FDA was moving in another direction with the certification program. He will contact Jim Fear, with FDA, to get an update on the status of the FDA/AAFCO Certification Program, and report back to the committee with a report at the next scheduled meeting. At this time, AAFCO's certification program has yet to be activated.

Feed Tub Sampling Methods Procedures:

Tony Claxton was unable to attend. The feed tub sampling procedures was sent electronically to all members of the committee April, 8, 2010. A motion was made to approve the document on May 3, 2010 to accept the feed tub sampling procedure. The motion failed May 12, 2010 with a 0 AYES to 9 NAYS. A discussion was held on the details of the feed tub sampling method. Ben Jones suggested that the verbiage "stream cutting method" be re-evaluated since the meaning may not be an adequate description of the intended method. Ben Jones volunteered to work with Tony Claxton on the revisions.

Web Course Design Update:

Gloria Dunnavan stated that she was working with Jim Fear concerning the ORAU courses. She is to contact Jim Fear, with FDA, to determine the status of these courses in the FDA curriculum, and possibly AAFCO could contract with IFPTI to make them into a classroom course. Chad

Linton and Andy Gray will continue to work with Gloria Dunnavan on this matter and report back to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

IFPTI Presentation:

At 2 p.m., Gerry Wojtala, Executive Director with IFPTI, presented, via teleconference, an update of IFPTI and the training services provided. It was discussed that IFPTI could evaluate AAFCO's training programs to verify it meets specific requirements related to IFTPI's food safety goal. If the training program meets requirements, IFPTI can provide funding to train the trainers and to send trainers to teach seminars. Gerry explained that IFPTI's focus has changed. In 2009, they were able to provide funding for travel of training attendees. In 2010, their focus is to provide funding for training the trainers. As an action item, the ISC (Andy, Tim and Brett) will gather the course materials from AAFCO's AITS and BITS and submit the material to IFPTI for course evaluation.

AAFCO Inspector Manual Discussion:

At the 2010 Mid-Meeting in Redondo Beach, CA committee members were asked to volunteer to review and provide feedback on the accuracy of individual chapters, and/or work on individual chapters. Persons who volunteered were as follows:

BSE-Shannon Jordre

Glossary-Liz Higgins

Sampling-Gloria Dunnavan (to review)

Label Review-Gloria Dunnavan (to review)

VFDs-Dave Fairfield

Enforcement-Tony Claxton

Feed Manufacturing Techniques-Matt Frederking (to review)

Safety-Scott Ziehr (to review)

Toxins-Natalie Krout-Greenberg & Mike Davidson

Feed Ingredients-

Drug Carryover-

Feed Investigations-

GMP Inspections-

June 16, 2010 Andy Gray emailed revisions of the Glossary by Liz Higgins and Safety by Scott Ziehr for review.

No other sections were reviewed at this time.

A recommendation was made to re-assign the AAFCO Inspector's Manual for review. Gloria Dunnavan offered to manage the project (later, Jennifer Godwin asked to champion the project and Gloria accepted). Persons who volunteered were as follows:

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Enforcement-Tony Claxton
Feed Manufacturing Techniques-Brett Groves(to review)
Safety-Scott Ziehr (to review)
Toxins-Natalie Ben Jones & Mike Davidson
Feed Ingredients-Aaron Elam
Drug Carryover-Tim Lyons
Feed Investigations-Don Delorme
GMP Inspections-Randy Sample

Andy Gray will send the minutes from this meeting to all in attendance, the committee will review, make changes, and then vote electronically to accept, and the minutes will be posted to the AAFCO website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.