

AAFCO Pet Food Committee Meeting Minutes
AAFCO Annual Meeting
St Petes Beach, Florida
7/30/2005

The AAFCO Pet Food Committee met with the following committee members present.

David Syverson, Vice Chair-Acting Chair
Dr. William Burkholder – committee member
Teresa Crenshaw – committee member
Donna Dicesare – committee member
Roger Hoestenbach – committee member

Dr. Rod Noel, Chair, due to his current responsibilities, has assigned the Vice Chair to function as Acting Chair for the present.
Tony Claxton, committee member, was unable to attend this meeting.

The following Industry Advisors were present.

Nancy Cook – PFI
Dr. David Dzanis – ACVN
Dr. Sharon Macklik – AFIA
Richard Sellers – AFIA
I.J. Shenkir – APPMA
Angele Thompson – PFI
Gina Valeri – APPMA

Committee Members and Advisors were introduced.

The general audience introductions were dispensed with in the interest of economy of time.

David Syverson introduced himself as the acting chair, and reviewed the AAFCO Committee Guidelines.

Donna Dicesare documented the proceedings of the committee meeting.

Roger Hoestenbach presented the results of the additional guarantees/educational statements working group. The working group, as originally configured by Dr Noel was composed of Dave Syverson, Roger Hoestenbach, Dr. Burkholder, Angele Thompson and Richard Sellers. The proposal was previously worded as a regulation; however it is currently worded as a statement of uniform interpretation and policy. The proposal, as stated, was found to need some minor wordsmithing regarding what was meant by “nutrients” and which “nutrients” are intended to be addressed by the statement. Action by the committee was deferred until the working group reviews and recommends edits to

address the ambiguity regarding “nutrients”. Dave Syverson will get the results posted to the AAFCO website. The current timetable indicates that this issue should be finalized by the next mid year meeting.

Dr Burkholder discussed the issue of “Weight Management” diets; which was first brought before the committee as a subject of discussion and interpretation at the last AAFCO midyear meeting. The issues of interest pertain to the current model regulation applicability for products which claim to be weight management diets, but are not explicitly promoted as light, low calorie or reduced calorie diets. The model regulation does address “similar designations”; however, there is no determined consensus among parties present regarding how these claims would fit the current regulation. This issue may be addressable in consideration of Dr. Dzanis proposal (presented at this meeting – minutes follow in this document) on behalf of the ACVN. Industry advisors Angele Thompson and Nancy Cook hope to work on a proposal to put before the committee at the next Midyear meeting.

Dr. David Dzanis presented a proposal by the ACVN regarding a regulation change which would require calorie statements on pet food products, in light of the fact that the current regulations only require calorie statements in a few very specific cases. This proposal by Dr. Dzanis was considered in light of the AAFCO committee guidelines. The committee consensus was that the proposal had adequate merit to be considered by the committee. Motion made by Teresa, Second by Donna and passed on a voice vote that the committee will take this proposal as an action item for processing. In consideration of the vote to process this proposal in the committee, Vice Chair David Syverson informed industry advisors and the committee that he would provide the full document to them in due time in order that all concerned be informed of the full content of the proposal so that the committee can proceed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

David Syverson, AAFCO Pet Food Committee, Vice Chair/Acting Chair