



FINAL: 03/24/21

Committee Report/Minutes
2021 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
January 19 11:30 – 1:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

Committee Recommendations

Committee recommendation summary or list.

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- (2)

Board Recommendations

Board recommendation summary or list.

- (1)
- (2)

Association Actions

Association action summary or list.

- (1)
- (2)

Committee Participants

Members Present: Lizette Beckman (CoChair, WA), Austin Therrell (SC), JoLynn Otero (NM), Katie Simpson (IN), Stan Cook (MO), James Embry (TX), Kristen Green (KY), Charlotte Conway (FDA), George Ferguson, Bill Burkholder (FDA), Srinu Chigurupati (FDA), Jennifer Gornert (NH), Kristen Hamilton (ID), Tiffany Leschishin (MN)

Advisors Present: Angelle Thompson (PFI), Dave Dzanis (APPA), Cathy Alinovi (NGPFMA), James Emerson (US Poultry), Pat Tovey (PFI), David Fairfield (NGFA), Bill Bookout (NASC), Louise Calderwood (AFIA), David Meeker (NRA), Ryan Frank (AFIA), Jean Hofve (Pet Welfare Alliance)

Others Present: Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Sue Hays (AAFCO Executive Director),

Committee Report

Meeting called to order at 11:30 am PST

Announcements

Committee Activities

Committee Minutes

Human Grade Working Group – Charlotte Conway, FDA /Liz Beckman, WA

The workgroup working on finishing the guidelines based on feedback received after the mock audit was completed and subsequent meeting conversations. The plan is to provide the guidelines sometime this spring.

PFLM Update – Liz Beckman, WA

- There was a committee meeting January 4th, 2021 to vote on the proposed reports from the 3 PFLM working groups.
- The committee voted in favor to accept the reports and open up for comment. Once the comment period is closed the work groups will convene if need be and resubmit their reports to the PFC.
- The comments and questions period is open until April 1st, with a webinar meeting scheduled for the end

of March. The day and time will be on the home page of the AAFCO website with registration information.

- Please use PFLM@aafco.org to submit comments and questions prior to the webinar if possible so if the work group needs to meet, they have time to address any issues that may come up and to provide answers at the webinar.
- The revised language has line numbers inserted in the documents to make it easier to reference.
- The work group reports are available on AAFCO meeting site attached to the agenda. They will also be located on the Feed BIN.
- Dr. Bill Burkholder had comments for the Nutrition Facts Box work group. He suggested they meet and work out some of the following issues before the webinar:
 - Information included is misleading to the consumer
 - Need to add total dietary fiber, total carbohydrates and sugars.
 - Request for working group to be called back to reconvene; Dr. Burkholder is available if to address his concerns.
- The *Board has given PFC the charge to form a workgroup to address the various plans the charge is as follows:
 - “BOD charge the Pet Food Committee to form a new workgroup to create model implementation recommendations for different stakeholders which may include:
 - Members who adopt the newest version of AAFCO regulations automatically
 - Members who may consider adopting the regulations in the future
 - Members who do not adopt, but will need to go through full rules review
 - Industry
 - Consider implications for consumer outreach.”
 - Email Liz at pfc@aafco.org if you are interested in serving on implementation workgroup.

Essential Fatty Acids Discussion - Kristen Green, KY

- Kristen wanted to get feedback from states as to whether they recognize specific fatty acids as essential by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles in PF4a(4).
- Dr. Burkholder- ARA is not required/essential for dogs (it is for cats)
- Several states commented that they allow it to be listed either way; with the asterisk or without.

AAFCO Talks Web Update – Katie Simpson, IN.

- Several revisions to how information is presented is being made on the new site.
- Example labels have been created that will link visuals with the written guidance/regulation to enhance understanding.
- Dr. Burkholder asked if there will be review process before example labels are posted? Yes, the work group will present updates and label examples to PFC for review and approval before the new website goes live.
- Most information will not be changing, the change is more how it is presented
- FASS worked on the sample labels; and they look great.

Therapeutic Guidelines – Liz Beckman WA

- The Therapeutic Guidelines were voted on by the Board in January and will be sent to the Model Bill and Regulations Committee.
- Louise Calderwood commented on the importance of moving the guidelines along; it’s unfortunate that the delay has occurred.