

## **Feed Labeling Committee Meeting Minutes**

AAFCO Annual Meeting

Friday August 5, 2022

8:45 – 9:30 AM CDT

Committee Recommendations: None

Board Recommendations: None

Committee Participants:

- **Members Present:** David Dressler (PA), Chris Berg (IA), Erin Bubb (PA), Liz Beckman (WA), George Ferguson (NC), Stevie Glaspie (MI), Jamie Spencer (KS), Jordan Mancini (MN), Jamie Good (ND), Adam Orr (FDA), Justin Hill (NC).
- **Advisors Present:** Jan Campbell (NGFA), Dave Dzanis (ACVN/APPA), Meghan Dicks (AFIA), James Emerson (USPA), Emily Helmes (ETA), Chris Olinger (NGFA), Pat Tovey (PFI).
- **Absent:** Mark Ashcroft (UT), Dragan Momcilovic (FDA), Kelli Younker (NM), Tom Phillips (MD), Bailey Whiten (GA), Lisa Fantelli (VT), Ashley Shaw (FDA), Angie Simmons (GA), Julia Fidenzio (APPA), Roger Hoestenbach (APPA), Kevin Ragland (PFI), Steve Younker (AFIA).

Committee Report:

The meeting was called to order by David Dressler at 9:00 AM CDT. Roll call of members and advisors was taken, with a quorum established (11 of 19). Due to time constraints, topics on the agenda were moved around.

### **Labeling of Products Containing Microorganisms**

- Office of the Indiana State Chemists submitted a proposal to the committee suggesting guarantees for microorganism be broken out into families, versus having all microorganism guarantees lumped together under Total Microorganisms.
- Dancia Wu with the Office of Indiana State Chemist provided a presentation about the research she was involved with regarding this topic. In her presentation, Dancia mentioned laboratory methods are not able to enumerate all microorganisms, and some groups of microorganisms failed testing even though the label would be compliant due to the total microorganism guarantee. Dancia further explained that a separate guarantee for groups of microorganisms would help regulatory programs determine which groups failed guarantees, assist in identifying which groups would have greater stability, and provide better information to the consumers.
- Discussion after the presentation involved questions, such as how the proposal would control the problem, how would this be beneficial to the consumer, and what the global impacts of this change would be. Methods chosen in the study were over 20 years old and analytical variations about what passed and what failed were determined in-house.

- The committee recommended a workgroup be formed to further look into this topic.
  - MOTION: Jordan Mancini moves to form a workgroup to look into microorganism guarantees further. Chris Berg seconds. MOTION PASSES.
  - David Dressler stated that solicitation of workgroup members will be done via email at a later date.

**Unique Identifiers (i.e. Lot Numbers) on Feed Labeling**

- Due to the shortness of time for the committee meeting, the workgroup’s update was tabled until the Mid-Year meeting in January 2023.

**OP Edits Workgroup Update**

- This workgroup has not met since the Mid-Year meeting in January 2022. An update is expected at the Mid-Year meeting January 2023.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM CDT**

**Action Item Table**

Responsible	Item	Action	Timing / Status
David Dressler	Guarantees for Microorganisms Workgroup	Form workgroup to discuss the microorganism guarantees topic and provide a report/recommendation back to the committee.	September 2022
David Dressler	Guarantees for Microorganisms Workgroup	Provide update/recommendation to Committee	2023 Mid-Year Meeting
David Dressler	OP Updates	Reconvene workgroup to review FLC’s sections of the OP and determine if any areas need edited.	October 2022
Chris Berg	Lot Identifier Work Group	Provide update/recommendation to Committee	2023 Mid-Year Meeting