



Feed Labeling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 31, 2018
1:30 – 2:30 PM
2018 AAFCO Annual Meeting
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Committee Participants

Members Present:

David Dressler (PA), Al Harrison (KY), Heather Bartley (WI), Liz Beckman (WA), George Ferguson (NC), Miriam Johnson (NC), Jason Schmidt (LA), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Mika Alewynse (FDA), and Erin Bubb (PA). Dave Phillips (ND) was present on the phone.

Advisors Present:

Dave Dzanis (ACVN/APPA), Jan Campbell (NGFA), Chris Olinger (NGFA), Meghan Dicks (AFIA), Pat Tovey (PFI), and James Emerson (UPA).

Guest Present: Steve Younker (AFIA)

Absent: Steve Gramlich (NE), Angela Mills (AFIA), Ed Rod (APPA), and Charles Starkey (UPA).

Introductions and Agenda Review

David Dressler called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM EDT. Roll call of members and advisors was taken and a quorum was established (10 out of 13).

Non-Medicated Feed Labeling Workshop

David Dressler provided a brief overview of the feed labeling workshop and thanked the speakers for the time they put into providing a successful workshop. Attendees have made several positive remarks about the workshop.

Non-Pet Food Label Design and Format Guide

Minutes from the May 31, 2018 virtual meeting were presented. The purpose of this meeting was to rename the guide to the Animal Feed Labeling Guide. The minutes were never approved, therefore David Dressler called for a motion to accept these minutes.

Richard Ten Eyck motioned to accept the May 31, 2018 meeting minutes. Miriam Johnson seconds.

MOTION CARRIED.

Livestock Treats

Treats for livestock must have all guarantees for the species and class, because there is not a distinction for treats in non-pet food. A discussion was had to determine if we should have a treat category for livestock



without moisture.

Dave Dzanis stated there is confusion when companies want to make a chicken treat and whether they need to guarantee all nutrients required by law for a specific animal species and class. It does make sense to just guarantee protein, fat and fiber. Jan Campbell stated that it would be helpful to clarify.

David Dressler stated a workgroup should be formed to create guidelines for a treat category. David will reach out to committee members to see if anyone is interested in leading this workgroup.

Mika Alewynse stated the workgroup should distinguish between a treat and supplement and decide which guarantees to have on the treat.

Livestock Label Review Checklist

Discussion was held to determine if there should be a checklist similar to the Pet Food Label Review Checklist found on page 212 of the 2018 OP for livestock to assist with label development/review.

With the different species and classes, it would be a significant task to take on. There are good references in the Animal Feed Labeling Guide, therefore this checklist would not be needed.

Guarantees for Single Nutrients

A question was brought to the committee about what is the proper way to guarantee single ingredients, such as a protein source for swine.

The model bill has exemptions when certain guarantees are not required (Regulation 3, (4) (XII)) for individual nutrient guarantees, therefore this does not need to be reviewed.

Fiber Guarantees

Discussion about removing the Crude Fiber guarantee (when appropriate) and instead require ADF, NDF and DF.

This topic is covered in model bills, therefore should not be addressed in feed labeling.

Maximum Guarantees for Nutrients with Toxicity Levels

Discussion was held to determine if nutrients from Table 2 on page 298 of the 2018 OP “Official Guidelines Suggested for Contaminates in Individual Mineral Feed Ingredients”, when guarantees should state both a minimum and a maximum guarantee. This discussion was introduced during the 2018 Mid-Year meeting, however no action was taken. This topic was added to this meeting to determine how the committee would like to address going forward.

Thoughts from industry it could be a complicated and difficult to require max guarantee for a product that may have ingredients with higher toxicity. Mika Alewynse asked if anyone from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) was in the audience, because they have been doing work in this area and there is information on CFIA’s website. Laura Scott from CFIA has agreed to prepare a presentation to give to the committee during the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting in Savannah, GA.



Meagan Dicks reminded the committee that a motion was made during the January 2018 Mid-Year Meeting to have the feed manufacturing workgroup reviewing the NRC to be the workgroup to review maximum guarantees of nutrients with toxicity levels. Dr. Bill Burkholder stated that the workgroup declines taking on this work.

The committee has decided to table any further discussion until after hearing CFIA's presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM