



Feed Labeling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
2017 AAFCO Annual Meeting
Mobile, PA

Committee Participants

Members Present:

Chair: Dave Dressler (PA); Vice Chair: Dave Phillips (ND); Al Harrison (KY); Jan Jarman (MN); George Ferguson (NC); Mika Alewynse (CVM); Steve Gramlich (NE); Tim Darden (NM); Heather Bartley (WI); Miriam Johnson (NC); Erin Bubb (PA); Liz Beckman (WA); and Richard Ten Eyck (OR).

Via Telephone: Liz Higgins (NM)

Advisors Present:

Pat Tovey (PFD); Angela Mills (NGFA); Meaghan Dicks (ADM); Dave Dzanis (ACVN/APPA); Sue Hays (WBFI); and Chris Olinger (Wenger Feeds).

Committee Report/Minutes

David Dressler called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM CST. Members and advisors in the room introduced themselves.

Introductions and Agenda Review - Dave Dressler

Updates to the Non-Pet Food Labeling Guide

Labels for medications previously OTC that have moved to VFD status have been removed. The guide currently does not provide examples of VFD labels.

Update of Table 1 will be added.

New example labels are being created.

Expect updates to be completed by August 2017 for Committee Review.

Suggestions to change the name of this document to Animal Food Labeling Guide.

Update to Expert Panel for Nutrient Indicators Review for Beef Cattle - Al Harrison

Recommendations for the panel have been received from AFIA.

Working to secure panel members to begin review of Nutrient Indicators.

Non-Medicated Feed Labeling Workshop - Dave Dressler and Dave Phillips

The workshop is scheduled to occur in conjunction with the Annual Meeting to be held in August 2018.

Development of Centrally Located Database for Feed Labels - Dave Dressler

Discussion was had as to developing a database that would centrally locate feed labels for review. The intent would be to submit the label to the database and flag missing information, labeling violations, and claims.

There is concern from industry that due to the database being voluntary, companies may not choose to



participate or that it would be a burden to maintain due to the volume of labels and their variances. Other concerns would be that the same brand name would be for different products, distributed elsewhere in the United States, and who would store this information. Using the FeedBin as the central location was discussed. We would need to determine what format in which to store the labels.

Feed Label Review Software – Dave Phillips

Discussion held to determine if investments should be made to develop software that would review labels for accuracy to speed up the review process, as well as helping industry determine the accuracy of the labels prior to sending them into the state.

Concern that taking the human element away would not lead to an accurate review, depending on label claims that a computer couldn't pick up. Thoughts were the computer software could review key points of the label, however the human element would still be needed to review other aspects of the label.

This discussion will continue and will be brought back up at the annual meeting in August 2017.

Other Items

Bill Burkholder suggested that review of the labels in the OP to ensure units of measure are accurate should be worked through by the Model Bill Committee versus the Feed Labeling Committee

Heather Bartley to be the liaison to the Enforcement Issues Committee

Adjourn @ 8:46 AM CST



Action Item Table

Responsible	Item	Action	Timing / Status
Al Harrison, Richard TenEyck & Miriam Johnson Richard Sellers & David Dzanis	Expert Panel Formation	Form an Expert panel to review the NRC update for Beef Cattle Nutrition	August 2017
Mika Alewynse & Meagan Davis Angela Mills & Thomas Belloso	Non-Pet Food Label Design & Format Guide	Expected completion of updates	August 2017
Dave Phillips & Dave Dressler AFIA (Angela Mills) & NGFA (Chris Olinger)	Workshop Proposal	Submit a workshop proposal for the Non- Medicated Feed Label Workshop to the Education and Training Committee for Review. The workshop should be scheduled to occur August 2018.	August 2017