



Feed Labeling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 6, 2019
1:30 – 2:30 PM
2019 AAFCO Annual Meeting
Louisville, KY

Committee Participants

Members Present:

David Dressler (PA), Dave Phillips (ND), Liz Beckman (WA), Caitlin Price (NC), Mika Alewynse (FDA), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Heather Bartley (WI), Steve Gramlich (NE).

Advisors Present:

Emily Helmes (ETA), Angela Mills (AFIA), Meghan Dicks (AFIA), Pat Tovey (PFI), Jan Campbell (NGFA), Dave Dzanis (ACVN/APPA), Chris Olinger (NGFA), James Emerson (USPA).

Others Present: Ken Gilmurray (NRA)

Absent:

Erin Bubb (PA), Tim Darden (NM), George Ferguson (NC), Stevie Glaspie (MI), Jason Schmidt (LA).

Introductions and Agenda Review

David Dressler called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM EDT. Roll call of members and advisors was taken and a quorum was established (8 out of 13).

Genetically Modified Organisms

Agenda item asked if there should be labeling requirements and definitions for GE, GMO or non-GMO in the OP. Discussion went through the lack of Federal requirements for animal food (only USDA requirements for human food), and that an AAFCO requirement would be inconsistent with and preempted by Federal law. There is a guidance available from FDA, and emphasis was placed on the guidance as being the point reference for all states and industry in relation to GMO, GE, and Non-GMO labels. The group decided to move forward with reference to the FDA document, "Guidance for Industry: Voluntary Labeling Indicating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Derived from Genetically Engineered Plants."

Maximum Levels for Nutrients with Toxicity Levels

There is misunderstanding with the charge of the workgroup. Industry expressed concerns about establishing maximums without an expert panel. Workgroup previously assembled includes Richard TenEyck, Dave Dzanis, Erin Bubb, Al Harrison, and Jan Campbell. FDA volunteered to participate in the workgroup. AFIA would like to be added to the workgroup. Al Harrison asked to be removed from the group, but offered to assist as a subject matter expert for purposes of reference materials. The workgroup is now charged to decide if an expert panel is needed to determine if any maximum label guarantees are needed according to those elements listed in Table 2 on page 299 of the 2019 OP.



Blue Bird Labels for Human By-Products

A regulator emailed the chair and requested some blue bird labels (sample labels like those already published in the OP) for development of labels. Tabled to midyear when the chair can request more information from the person that submitted the request.

Vitamin D₃ for Rabbits

Chair will distribute background for the topic in advance of the 2020 midyear meeting.

Responsible Labeling for Direct-Fed Microbials

Mika Alewynse presented on responsible labeling for direct-fed microbial products. Discussion included use directions, storage and handling instructions, “use by” dates.

Livestock Treats Work Group

Livestock treats workgroup recommends required guarantees for treats (all species and classes) as long as the product is labeled as a treat on the principal display panel

- a. Minimum percentage of Crude Protein
- b. Minimum percentage of Crude Fat
- c. Maximum percentage of Crude Fiber
- d. Other guarantees, as needed to support nutrient content claims in the labeling as per Model Bill 5(a)(3), and in accordance with terminology, order of guarantees and units of expression as specified in Model Regulations 3(a)(4) and 4.

The workgroup recommends this to go back to the committee for review. The document from the workgroup will be sent to David Dressler to send to the committee for review.

Feed Labeling Workshop

The FLC has been requested to have a workshop at 2020 Midyear. Chair will reach out to people to form a workgroup to assemble topics and activities for the workshop.

Strategic Affairs Commitments

This topic was not discussed due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM EDT