



Feed Labeling Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 22, 2019
1:30 – 2:30 PM
2018 AAFCO Mid-Year Meeting
Savannah, GA

Committee Participants

Members Present:

David Dressler (PA), Dave Phillips (ND), Al Harrison (KY), Erin Bubb (PA), Miriam Johnson (NC), Jason Schmidt (LA), Heather Bartley (WI), George Ferguson (NC), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Lizette Beckman (WA), and Stevie Glaspie (MI).

Advisors Present:

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

Guest Present: Laura Scott (CFIA)

Absent:

Mika Alewynse (FDA), Michelle Boyd (IA), Tim Darden (NM), Steve Gramlich (NE), Ed Rod (APPA), and Angela Mills (AFIA),

Introductions and Agenda Review

David Dressler called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM EST. Roll call of members and advisors was taken and a quorum was established (11 out of 15). During roll call, James Emerson stated that Charles Starkey will no longer be serving as an advisor to the Feed Labeling Committee.

Livestock Treats

The livestock treats working group provided a brief update. Work still needs to be done, so the workgroup was not prepared to introduce anything to the group. The workgroup did state the definition of Treat from IDC may impact on the decisions of the group. Pending the IDC definition, the group is in a good place with what ingredients would be required and they are preparing a draft version of the label. More from this work group will be discussed during the 2019 annual meeting in Louisville, KY.

Maximum Levels for Nutrients with Toxicity Levels

Continuing the discussion on requiring maximum guarantees for certain elements, the committee invited Laura Scott from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to provide a presentation on Canada's research into nutrient maximums and their proposed regulatory changes. The information presented is only a proposal and is not final in Canada.

In 2016, CFIA has been consulting on proposed nutrient maximums for livestock species. Current



requirements require pre-market registration for some, but not all feeds. Complete feeds and supplements are exempt if the nutrient levels fall within Table 4 (standard min and max levels), however the nutrient values in Table 4 are outdated. As a part of the proposed regulation change, CFIA is proposing to change their approach to registration by removing Table 4. In doing so, new nutrient maximums will be established for calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, sodium, potassium, sulfur, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, selenium, zinc, Vitamin A, Vitamin E, Vitamin C and Vitamin D.

In consideration for establishing maximum nutrient levels, it is important to evaluate animal tolerances, food safety, therapeutic use, and environmental & worker safety. Obtaining stakeholder input is also important when setting these maximum levels. Some of the issues identified with establishing maximum limits are reduction in animal performance, calcium to phosphorus ratios, and species-specific requirements, such as zinc in swine feed and Vitamin D in poultry feed, for example. To accommodate nutrient maximums for all species and life stages, it would fill 9 pages of tables.

After Laura Scott's presentation, the committee chair requested a motion to look into requiring maximum levels for nutrients with known toxicity. **MOTION:** Erin Bubb moves to form a workgroup to look into maximum guarantees related to the table on Page 299 of the 2019 Official Publication (Table 2. Official Guidelines Suggested for Contaminates in Individual Mineral Feed Ingredients). Miriam Johnson seconds. **MOTION PASSES.**

Dave Dzanis, Jan Campbell, Al Harrison, Richard Ten Eyck and Erin Bubb volunteered to be on this workgroup. It was also suggested having a representative from FDA present on this workgroup.

Blue Bird Labels in the OP

The blue bird labels listed in the Feed Labeling Guide sections of the official publication on Pages 238 through 244 do not currently reflect the changes in the model bill. The committee felt this work has already been done when the Feed Labeling Guide was updated for the 2018 Feed Labeling Workshop. **MOTION:** Richard Ten Eyck motions to update the Feed Labeling Guide sections in the OP with the one that was edited for the Feed Labeling Workshop. Miriam Johnson sections. **MOTION PASSES.**

It is the committee chair's responsibility to update the blue bird labels in the Official Publication. **ACTION:** David Dressler will see this gets completed for the 2020 official publication.

Responsible labeling of DFMs.

This topic was tabled until the 2019 annual meeting when FDA can be present.

Other Topics for Discussion

There were no other topics brought to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM EST