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Feed and Feed Ingredient Manufacturing Committee

2023 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2023
2:15pm – 3:00pm CT
San Antonio, TX

Purpose Statement

Working cooperatively with the Food and Drug Administration, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, feed and feed ingredient manufacturers and other relevant domestic and international stakeholders, develop science- and risk-based regulations. Such regulations would support the implementation of effective inspection and compliance strategies as well as be useful in providing education and information to stakeholders. The overall goal is to minimize the presence of chemical, microbiological and physical hazards in animal feeds to the levels necessary to protect human and animal health.

Agenda

- 1.) Welcome and Committee Member Introduction (Ken Bowers & Charles Hubenka)
- 2.) Review Action Items/Reports from Working Groups and Liaisons
 - Working Group 3 – Update on Contaminant and Hazard Lab Strategy - Brady
 - Working Group 4 – Update on AITS training – Brady
 - Nutrient Contaminant Working Group Update – Need new lead
 - Workgroup (Ben Jones, Eric Brady, Johnathon Roberts, Dave Fairfield) Update on VSIP Section in Ch.5 – Brady
 - Edits in OP Official Guidelines for Contaminant Levels Permitted in Mineral Feed Ingredients – (need workgroup/ Jennifer Kormos)

New Business:

- Seek input from industry on adding equipment training resources to AAFCO LMS (digital chalk) – workgroup?
- Definitions differences – Complete feed, total diet, compare Chapter 6 Table 1 & 2. – Louise Calderwood
- AAFCO Regulatory Program Needs Survey results – Brady/Lab?
- Strategic Plan assignment for 2023 – 2025. Discussion/workgroups. See Attachments A & B



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- 3.) Canadian Regulatory Update (Laura Scott)
- 4.) Industry Stakeholder Updates
- 6.) Other Business

Attachment A

➤ **Objective 3.1 - Promote and integrate Animal Food Safety Systems.**

Narrative: Develop and promote a food chain focused safety purpose, activities, and coordination for animal food regulatory agencies. Evaluate current system or systems already in place, identify gaps in model bill and regulations, collaborate with State and Federal Regulatory food/feed agencies, establish, and publish guidance materials and resource links. Multiple components are needed to make a strong Animal Food Safety Program that works cooperatively with FDA to advance human and animal health and safety. This objective aims to develop a roadmap that identifies some of the components that are needed to achieve this goal.

Tasks

1. Identify the elements (roadmap) and implement the activities needed to achieve the objective (considering the narrative (above) and tasks (below)). Note: A task related to evaluating the current system and identifying gaps may need to be added.
Responsible: Feed and Feed Ingredient Manufacturing Committee (**FFIMC**), Inspection and Sampling Committee (ISC), Enforcement Issues Committee (EIC) (joint meeting of committee leaders to develop the plan)
 - **Deliverable:**
 - Identify needs, gaps and strategically plan activities (e.g., roadmap)
 - Realign the following tasks in accordance with the planned elements.
 - **Timeframe:** Virtual calls before Midyear 2023 (two calls @ 1hour each) (Chairs, Vices, Board Liaisons, President Elect, ED)

2. Align *Chapter 5 of the OP* with AFRPS. (Note: MBR was aligned with FSMA as part of 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. Some committees are already working on parts of Chapter 5 material.)
Responsible: EIC, ISC, **FFIMC**, Feed Labelling Committee (FLC), LMSC support (Committees with relevant sections)
 - **Deliverable and Timeframe:**
 - Identify current gaps by Midyear 2024
 - Update Chapter 5 sections by Dec. 2025

Attachment B



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➤ **Objective 3.2 - Promote and integrate laboratory technology, methods, quality systems, and collaboration in support of Animal Food Safety Systems.**

Narrative: Identify training and method needs of regulatory laboratories, collaborate with State and Federal Regulatory food/feed agencies to obtain methods, establish, and publish Best Practice guidance materials and resource links on AAFCO LMSC website. Design, implement and provide a training program for state regulatory laboratorians. Establish a Quality Assurance committee under the AAFCO LMSC to update and provide resources related to quality and accreditation. Provide a link on AAFCO website where state regulatory and state laboratory personnel can gain information on laboratory capabilities.

Tasks

1. Identify the elements (roadmap) and implement the activities needed to achieve the objective (considering the narrative (above) and tasks (below)).

Responsible: FFIM, LMSC (joint meeting of committee leaders to develop the plan)

- **Deliverable:**
 - Identify needs, gaps and strategically plan activities (e.g., roadmap)
 - Realign the following tasks in accordance with the planned elements.
- **Timeframe:** Virtual calls before Midyear 2023 (two calls @ 1hour each) (Chairs, Vices, Board Liaisons, President Elect, ED)

2. (Potential element of Task 1) Conduct annual survey of state regulatory programs (SRP) to identify their testing needs. Utilize information obtained from the SRP survey to develop and administer a survey of state laboratories to see what they need to address the needs of the SRP.

Responsible: FFIM, LMSC and include Pet Food Committee (PFC), due to the label modernization changes that will be taking place.

- **Deliverable:**
 - Send an annual Regulatory Method Needs Survey to State Regulatory Program Managers to access, rank and guide laboratory method and resource needs.
 - Compile and present results of the survey
 - Prioritize needs based on survey results
 - Create or charge individual LMSC working groups with obtaining methods, planning training, and creating Best Practice Guidance documents for state laboratories
 - Publish resources on AAFCO website
- **Timeframe:** Summer 2023 (this is being done now), Annual each summer after