

Inspection and Sampling Committee

AAFCO Annual Meeting

August 3, 2007

The Inspection and Sampling Committee met in the Ford Ballroom of the Amway Grand Hotel at 1:15 p.m. on 8-3-07. Ten committee members, 2 committee advisors, 1 life member, 3 FDA, 7 industry, and 10 state control officials were present for a total of 33 individuals in attendance. Judy Thompson moved to accept the reading of the minutes, seconded by Brett Groves, motion passed.

An overview of the first Advanced Inspector Training Seminar was conducted by Andy Gray. A total of 31 students from 16 States attended this training. The training was a great Success. All students passed the exam of 58 questions.

A discussion was led by Andy Gray about an AITS guideline to be utilized by host states of the training. Many changes occurred to the document. Andy Gray is going to incorporate these changes and send out to the committee for review. It was suggested to place several templates on the AAFCO website for host states of training Seminars to utilize for registration, scholarship applications, and training guidelines.

Steve McMurry led a discussion on the AITS test questions. One Suggestion was to have the participants write one question at the end of the test. Another suggestion was to have a time set aside at the Administrators Seminar to brainstorm questions and scenarios. This discussion was followed by a preview from Steve McMurry about the upcoming Advanced Inspector Training Seminar (AITS) to be held in October of this year.

Rob Hougaard discussed the Basic Inspector Training Seminar (BITS) to be held in September of this year.

Steve McMurry reviewed the inspector certification process. At the mid-year meeting, the AAFCO board established a certification task force and a certifying body to begin work on this process. The task force is meeting on 8/4/07 to begin their work.

Andy Gray discussed the sampling CAG that is working with FDA. It was discussed that maybe the CAG could meet at the upcoming mid-year meeting in San Antonio, TX. They will be looking at the Canadian sampling disk for ideas to bring to the working activities of this CAG.

Tony Claxton was nominated to work on the wording of the techniques used for sampling feed tubs which was approved at the business session of this meeting. This will be incorporated into the AAFCO Feed Inspector's Manual when completed.

The CAG on labeling was also discussed, and suggested that the labeling of feed and pet food should be put together in one manual/teaching module.

A question was raised as to whether speakers should pay a registration fee when attending either the BITS or AITS. It was thought that this would help offset some of the costs for the host states. The topic was discussed at length, until the committee was told to vacate the room due to another commitment of the hotel. A consensus from the members was that the speakers should not pay the registration fee but the committee needed to include guidance in the BITS and AITS guidelines so host states would know that these meals needed to be covered.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm, which included a break from 2:55 thru 3:35 pm for needed refreshments, no actions from the board were needed.