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Committee Report/Minutes
AAFCO Annual Meeting
August 6, 9:30 – 12:00 PM, Louisville, KY

Committee Participants

Members Present: Lizette Beckman (Co-Chair, WA), Jason Schmidt (CoChair, LA), Caitlin Price ((NC), Austin Therrell (SC), JoLynn Otero (NM), Katie Simpson (IN), Stan Cook (MO), James Embry (TX), Kristen Green (KY), Richard Ten Eyck (OR), Eric Nelson (FDA), Sue Hays (AAFCO Executive Director), Charlotte Conway (FDA), George Ferguson (NC – call in), Bill Burkholder (FDA – call in)

Advisors Present: Angele Thompson (PFI), Dave Dzanis (APPA), BC Henschen (AFTP), Cathy Alinovi (NGPFMA), James Emerson (US Poultry), Pat Tovey (PFI), David Fairfield (NGFA), Bill Bookout (NASC), Louise Calderwood (AFIA), Pam Kauffman (AFIA), David Meeker (NRA), Jean Hofve (PWA – call in), Mollie Morrissette (PP – call in).

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 am EST

Announcements

AAFCO will be manning a booth at the 2020 Pet Food Forum. A one day pet food workshop will be held immediately after the forum concludes.

Committee Activities

MOTION: Accept the proposed changes to PF3 and PF5 as outlined in the 95% claims document and refer them to the Model Bill and Regulations Committee. Moved by James Embry and Seconded by Austin Therrell. At the end of the discussion of this item, both the motion and second was WITHDRAWN by James and Austin.

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Human grade Working Group – Caitlin Price, NC.

This workgroup has been meeting regularly and is close to finalizing a draft policy. At this time, they are requesting feedback from government and industry stakeholders via a questionnaire to finish this work. Questions are posted in the FeedBin for access by all of AAFCO. WG Chair anticipates that draft language will be available to the PFC at the 2020 Mid-Year meeting.

Update from the Pet Food Forum – Stan Cook, MO.

Sue Hays gave a presentation on the ingredient definition process during the forum. AAFCO manned a booth during the forum that garnered considerable foot traffic. Since this was a different audience from the usual AAFCO meetings, lots of questions were asked. This was a great outreach opportunity for AAFCO and opportunity to get AAFCO's name out there.

Update on the Pet Food Forum Workshop – Katie Simpson, IN.

This one day workshop had approximately 150 attendees. A lot of information was delivered in a short amount of time. A demonstration of the new ODI was delivered to participants at the end of the workshop. This workshop generated more than 250 questions. These could not be answered in the time allotted to the workshop presenters. The committee chairs are working on a communications package to answer those questions. The workgroup was not disbanded and Katie has volunteered to chair the 2020 PFF Workshop working group again.

Reviewing AAFCO Feeding Protocols – Dr. Bill Burkholder, FDA-CVM.

Dr. Burkholder was unable to make the meeting but sent in a PDF containing updated language for this topic. This PDF will be uploaded into the FeedBin for comment by the entire PFC. An e-vote will be held before the October board meeting on the proposed changes.

95% Claims review of public comment – James Embry, TX.

During discussion of this topic, there emerged confusion amongst stakeholders about the changes to PF3. The workgroup report was confined to the portion of PF3 that was under scrutiny and contained altered language. It was decided during the discussion to divide the report into separate PDFs for PF3 and PF5 for consideration. Additionally, PF3 should be listed in its entirety for consideration. These PDFs



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Discussion of Veterinarian Directed Therapeutic Pet Foods – Louise Calderwood, AFIA.

A PowerPoint presentation was displayed that concisely illustrated the issues that have surfaced surrounding the Vet Diets. The presentation sparked discussion about how to proceed. It was unclear whether an SUIP would suffice or PF12 should be developed in this situation. Austin Therrell agreed to chair a working group to develop a survey to assess stakeholders' stance on this topic.

NCWM Quantity Statement update – Pat Tovey, PFI, Lizette Beckman, WA, & Jason Schmidt, LA.

Pat Tovey updated the room on the continued work at the NCWM summer meeting. During that meeting, the NCWM agreed to extend the enforcement date for this rule change to January of 2022. A working group was formed just prior to this meeting. Its charge was to examine the existing regulations pertaining to this issue, try to find some common ground and, then, to write and submit a NCWM Form 15 by the August 15th deadline.

Pet Food Label Modernization Discussion / Consumer Research – Sue Hays, AAFCO Executive Director, & Nancy Weinstein, Weinstein & Assoc.

The label modernization work remains a major focus for PFC. The ongoing goal for the workgroup is to reach consensus in the four subgroups for their work products. Sample labels continue to be developed that contain elements from the subgroups that have been working. The four subgroups are Nutrition Facts Box (Jason Schmidt, Chair), Ingredient List (Richard Ten Eyck, Chair), Nutritional Adequacy Statement (Jo Lynn Otero, Chair) and Safety Statement (Lizette Beckman, Chair).

This past spring, the PFLM teams began work with Nancy Weinstein (Weinstein & Assoc.) to conduct consumer market research on the concepts under development by the four PFLM teams. Teams worked closely with Nancy & Emily to develop a screener, discussion guide and mock labels for this research. In June, 4 cohorts were assembled and a guided discussion of the label elements was held. Nancy offered the results of this consumer market research in a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. Afterwards, the floor was opened for comments. Comments were generally positive.

Pet Food Committee adjourned at 11:55 am EST.