



AAFCO
Association of American Feed Control Officials

**Model Bills and Regulations Committee Report
2023 AAFCO Midyear Meeting
Jan. 18, 2023 – San Antonio**

Committee Recommendations:

- (1) recommend the current language in Model Bill section 3 (j) (page 108 of the 2023 AAFCO OP) be stricken and replaced with:

The term “labeling” means all labels and other written or graphic materials in print or electronic form that are published or disseminated by a guarantor or distributor (1) upon a commercial feed or any of its containers or wrappers, or (2) accompanying or promoting such commercial feed.

- (2) recommend the current language in Model Regulation 4(d) (page 131 of the 2023 AAFCO OP) be replaced with:

Guarantees for drugs shall be stated in terms of percent by weights, except:

- (1) Antibiotics Drugs, present at less than 2,000 grams per ton (total) of commercial feed, shall be stated in grams per ton of commercial feed.**
(2) Antibiotics Drugs, present at 2,000 or more grams per ton (total) of commercial feed, shall be stated in grams per pound of commercial feed.
(3) ~~Labels for commercial feeds containing growth promotion and/or feed efficiency levels of antibiotics, which are to be fed continuously as the sole ration, are not required to make quantitative guarantees except as specifically noted in the Federal Food Additive Regulations for certain antibiotics, wherein, quantitative guarantees are required regardless of the level or purpose of the antibiotic.~~
(4~~new 3~~) The term “milligrams per pound” may be used for drugs ~~or~~ **antibiotics in those cases where a dosage is given in “milligrams” in the feeding directions.**

Board Recommendations:

Association Actions:

Committee Report and Minutes:

Model Bills and Regulations Committee Chairman Doug Lueders called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. central on Jan. 18, 2023.

Committee members participating in the meeting were: Dan King, Committee vice-Chair (Minnesota), Ken Bowers (Kansas), Eric Brady (Tennessee), Mike Davidson (California), David Dressler (Pennsylvania), George Ferguson (North Carolina), Kristen Green (Kentucky), Darrell Johnson (Kentucky), Ben Jones (Texas), Sherrie Krolczyk (FDA), Tim Tyson (FDA) and Scott Ziehr (Colorado).

Industry advisers participating were Meghan Dicks and Steve Younker (AFIA), Emily Helmes (ETA), Jan Campbell and Chris Olinger (NGFA), and Angele Thompson and Pat Tovey (PFI), Cathy Alinovi (NGPFMA), Bill Bookout (APPA), by phone Dave Dzanis (ACVN)



Minutes from Previous Committee Meetings

Chairman Lueders noted that minutes from the committee's Aug. 4, 2022 meeting were previously approved on September 9, 2022, posted on the AAFCO website, in the Feed BIN, and included within the 2023 AAFCO Midyear Meeting Committee Report Book.

Labeling Workgroup Report

Motion was made by Dave Dressler and seconded by Ben Jones to accept the Labeling Workgroup report. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Ziehr, Labeling workgroup chair, reported that the workgroup recommended the current language in Model Bill section 3 (j) (page 114 of the 2022 AAFCO OP) be stricken and replaced with:

The term "labeling" means all labels and other written or graphic materials in print or electronic form that are published or disseminated by a guarantor or distributor (1) upon a commercial feed or any of its containers or wrappers, or (2) accompanying or promoting such commercial feed.

Dan King moved to accept the work group labeling definition as presented. George Ferguson seconded the motion.

During the subsequent and lengthy discussion, committee members, industry advisors and members of the audience discussed the pros and cons of the motion.

Chairman Lueders thanked the committee, industry advisors and audience for their comments and called for a vote. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Lueders thanked the labeling work group for their years of work on this definition and disbanded the workgroup.

Model Regulation 4(d) Workgroup Report

A motion was made by Kristen Green to accept the Workgroup report. The motion was seconded by Dave Dressler. Chair Lueders forgot to call for a vote on the motion.

Mr. King, chair of the workgroup charged with updating 4(d) to be in sync with the Federal VFD Regulation proposed the following modifications to 4(d):

4(d) Guarantees for drugs shall be stated in terms of percent by weights, except:

(1) ~~Antibiotics~~ Drugs, present at less than 2,000 grams per ton (total) of commercial feed, shall be stated in grams per ton of commercial feed.

(2) ~~Antibiotics~~ Drugs, present at 2,000 or more grams per ton (total) of commercial feed, shall be stated in grams per pound of commercial feed.

(3) ~~Labels for commercial feeds containing growth promotion and/or feed efficiency levels of antibiotics, which are to be fed continuously as the sole ration, are not required to make quantitative guarantees except as specifically noted in the Federal Food Additive Regulations for certain antibiotics, wherein, quantitative guarantees are required regardless of the level or purpose of the antibiotic.~~



(4~~new~~ 3) The term “milligrams per pound” may be used for drugs **or antibiotics** in those cases where a dosage is given in “milligrams” in the feeding directions.

A motion was made by Dan King to accept the proposed 4(d) language with the additional striking of “or antibiotics” in the “new” 4(d)(3). Motion was seconded by Mike Davidson. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Lueders thanked the Regulation 4(d) workgroup for their work and disbands the workgroup.

SUIP Biennial Workgroup Report

A motion was made by Scott Ziehr and seconded by Ken Bowers to accept the SUIP Workgroup report. Motion passed on a voice vote.

It was noted by Chairman Lueders that the extensive Agenda attachment C was included because of its historical significance and without its inclusion chances were great that such information could be lost.

SUIP Workgroup chair, Cathy Alinovi, spoke to SUIP #1 Nitrogen Extract being present since 1963. A motion was made by Dave Dressler, seconded by Ben Jones, to forward the validity of removing SUIP #1 to the PFC and FLC for input. Upon affirmative actions by the PFC, FLC, BOD and AAFCO membership, SUIP #1 will be removed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

WG Chair Alinovi addressed SUIP #2, Trade and Proprietary Names. She indicated that this language is now in the IDC Guide to Submitting New or Modified Ingredient Definitions to AAFCO (2) A.V. If the IDC, BOD and AAFCO membership agree SUIP #2 will be removed. Motion made by Dave Dressler and seconded by Scott Ziehr. Motion carried by a voice vote.

SUIP workgroup chair Alinovi stated that SUIP #3, Improved Stability, is currently in the 2022 OP on page 353. If the PFC and FLC agree, it was recommended to be deleted. Scott Ziehr moved and Dave Dressler seconded the removal of SUIP #3 if the PFC, FLC, BOD and AAFCO membership agreed. In the ensuing discussion the several industry advisors urged the WG to review the terms “stabilized” and “stability” in reference to SUIP #3. The motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Due to time constraints, the balance of the SUIP Workgroup report was not reviewed by the MBRC. Chairman Lueders noted that the MBRC will be reconvened at a date yet to be determined prior to the annual meeting to act on the work group’s remaining recommendations and to review the expected PFLMA document expected from the PFC.

Adjournment

Chairman Lueders adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:39 p.m. central.

On behalf of the Model Bills and Regulations Committee, I respectfully submit this report and request acceptance of the report by the AAFCO Board of Directors and the Association membership.