

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN FEED CONTROL OFFICIALS (AAFCO)
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**MINUTES OF THE FEED LABELING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK
REGENCY BALLROOM
123 LOSOYA STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
AUGUST 8, 2024, 8:00 A.M. CT**

MEMBERS:

David Husner (Chair)
Jamie Good
Amy Pinot
George Ferguson

Jamie Spencer
Jordan Mancini
Bailey Whiten

Lisa Fantelli (via
teleconference)
Lizette Beckman (via
teleconference)

ADVISORS:

Bill Bookout
Steve Younker
Charles Starkey

Pat Tovey
Renee Streeter
Emily Helms

Patrick Fulling
Jay Stapp

GUESTS:

Nettie Liburt
Sandra Tudge

Owner, Liburt Equine Nutritional Consulting
Recording Secretary, Minutes Solutions (via teleconference)

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present (9 of 14), and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. NON-STRUCTURAL CARBOHYDRATES

2.1 Exploring the Idea of Expanding Guarantees on Horse Feeds

Jamie Good explained that AAFCO received feedback from consumers on the need to investigate the requirement for guarantees on horse feed.

2.2 Virtual Presentation by Nettie Liburt

The Chair introduced Nettie Liburt to present on non-structural carbohydrates (NSC) in horse feed.

Nettie Liburt defined carbohydrates, glucose, starch, and sugar, and reviewed horse owners' concerns about NSC, including equine endocrine disorders and performance effects. She provided an overview of feeding management for metabolic concerns and highlighted the basic label requirements for equine feed from the AAFCO 2024 Official Publication (OP). She noted that there were no carbohydrates labeling requirements for horse feed. She reported on the broad testing requirements for sugars in animal feed, and the variances of analytical testing methods and CHO calculation methods. Netti Liburt discussed the variations in State regulations testing requirements, and inconsistency in laboratory testing methods.

The floor was opened to questions, and there were none.

2.3 Next Step

ACTION – Jamie Good will follow up with Committee members and open session participants who expressed interest in forming a work group to examine the potential for NSC labeling on horse feed, with a report at mid-year 2025 regarding further steps.

Volunteers for the workgroup included Renee Streeter, Richard Ten Eyke, Naomi High (NC), Shannon Campbell, Miriam Johnson, Cathy Alinovi. Kristen Greene commented that she does not want to be on the workgroup but has horse feed labels she has review to share with the workgroup if they need examples. Committee members recommended contacting the American Feed Industry Association for a volunteer, as well as and the Laboratory Services Committee.

3. FEED LABELING WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Jamie Good reported that the AAFCO Feed Labeling Workshop was held on August 6, 2024, with almost 90 attendees. Jamie expressed his gratitude towards the volunteers who helped to put the workgroup together. The workgroup was disbanded.

4. LABELING DEFINITION WORK GROUP

David Husner provided an update on Tom Phillip's behalf. David reported the workgroup has met twice, however was unable to come to a consensus. Due to his other time commitments, Tom Phillips requested that a volunteer assume the lead role. Jamie Good asked for volunteers and Jamie Spencer volunteered to help lead the workgroup.

5. FEED THROUGH PESTICIDES LABEL WORKGROUP

The Board of Directors developed a workgroup to review feed through pesticide label requirements. It was requested a volunteer from Feed Labeling Committee to be a member of this workgroup. The Committee will identify a member of the Committee to join the Feed Through Pesticides Label Work Group.

6. UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS ON FEED LABELS

On a motion made by David Husner, seconded by George Ferguson to submit to the Model Bill Regulation Committee the recommendation to create the definition for lot identifier and add (c) to Section 5 – Labelling of Model Bill for insertion into the Model Bill. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the OP definition of customer formula feed related to unique labeling in the OP, and confirmed that it was not contradictory to the motion before the Committee.

On a motion made by David Husner, seconded by Jordan Mancini, it was resolved to recommend to insert Section No. 15 – Record Keeping into the Model Bill and renumber Section No. 15 to No. 19 to the Model Bills Committee. Motion carried.

7. PARKING LOT ITEMS

7.1 Feed Labeling Guide

On a motion made by David Husner, seconded by Jamie Spencer, it was resolved to add “your goat feed” and modify “your sheep feed” labels in the feed labeling guide,

with the corrected caution statement for Ammonium Chloride that matches that which was approved by the Ingredients Definition Committee. Motion carried.

It was noted that the change to the label will be made for the 2025 OP.

8. COMMITTEE CHANGES

David Husner noted that he would be stepping down as the Committee Chair to become Vice Chair temporarily until someone steps up to the position. It was noted that Jamie Good would be assuming the Chair of the Committee. David Husner asked the Committee members to notify Jamie Good if they have an interest in the Vice Chair role. Jamie Good thanked David Husner for his work on the Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 8:58 a.m.

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The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting. This document shall not be considered a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.

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