

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN FEED CONTROL OFFICIALS (AAFCO)  
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**MINUTES OF THE MODEL BILL AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE (MBRC) MEETING  
HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK  
REGENCY BALLROOM  
123 LOSOYA STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
AUGUST 8, 2024, 10:45 A.M. CT**

**MEMBERS:**

Dan King (Chair)	David Husner	Ben Jones (via
Jordan Mancini (Vice	George Ferguson	teleconference)
Chair)	Kristen Green	Jen Abrahamzon
Mike Davidson		

**INDUSTRY ADVISORS:**

Stephanie Adams	Bill Bookout	Renee Streeter
Emily Helmes	Cathy Alinovi	Aaron Hobbs
Angele Thompson	Pat Tovey	
Steve Younker	Dan Frank	

**GUESTS:**

Sandra Tudge                      Recording Secretary, Minutes Solutions (via teleconference)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

**2. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**2.1 Statements for Uniform Interpretation and Policy (SUIP) No. Nine – Insect for Wild Bird Amendment**

**On a motion made by David Husner, seconded by Kristen Green, it was resolved to stand up a work group to draft language to include “specialty pets” in SUIP No. Nine Dried Insect for Wild Bird Food. Motion carried.**

The work group was tasked with making a recommendation to the Ingredients Definition Committee (IDC) on how to proceed with gaining regulatory acceptance for dried insects in commercial exotic pet foods. The work group concluded that the Common Food Index was not the appropriate placement since the index is for common human foods; instead, the ingredient would be better captured as an SUIP. The IDC approved recommending to the MRBC an amendment to SUIP No. Nine.

The Committee noted that many States cannot regulate based on SUIPs, and queried the rationale behind the work group’s charge. The Co-Chair of IDC Erin Bubb explained that it was identified as a gap for the new market of insect derived ingredient, and noted that there is no economical way for manufacturers of specialty pet products to put through a new or modified definition. If the SUIP needs to be revised as a regulation or Model Bill, it could be done in the future.

The following individuals agreed to be members of the work group to draft language for specialty pets inclusion in SUIP No. Nine: Aaron Hobbs, Cathy Alinovi, Kristen Green, and David Husner.

**2.2 SUIP No. 7 – New Proposal to MBRC from SUIP Work Group**

**On a motion made by David Husner, seconded Jordon Mancini, it was resolved to accept to make the change to the Model Bill, Section No. 7b, as presented and to eradicate SUIP No. 7. Motion withdrawn.**

Cathy Alinovi reported that the SUIP work group was charged with examining areas of SUIPs that could be included through amendments to the Model Bill. She reviewed the work group’s recommended amendments to the Model Bill to capture SUIP No. 7.

The Committee discussed the concern raised that the amendment does not provide the States with the option to exempt, and agreed that the work group would review the recommended amendments to address this concern. Jen Abrahamzon volunteered to join the work group.

**2.3 Proposed Modifications of Poultry Feed Guarantees**

**On a motion made by David Husner, seconded by Jordan Mancini, it was resolved to modify poultry formula feeds in the Model Bill to the language, as presented. Motion not carried.**

Charles Starkey and several open session participants expressed concern regarding the proposed Model Bill amendments and the AAFCO Official Publication for poultry formula feeds, as they did not reflect variable growth rates of poultry. The Committee agreed that physiological growth rather than age of poultry should be reflected in these documents. Charles Starkey, Robert Shirley, and a representative of Tyson Foods volunteered to work on the revisions.

**3. OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS**

There were no other topics raised for discussion.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

It was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 11:40 a.m.

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