

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN FEED CONTROL OFFICIALS (AAFCO)
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MINUTES OF THE MODEL BILL AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER
101 EAST MARKHAM STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 5, 2025, 10:45 A.M. CT

MEMBERS:

Dan King	Co-Chair
Jordan Mancini	Co-Chair
Tim Tyson	
Josh Arbaugh	
Mike Davidson	
Kristen Green	
Steve Wenning	

ADVISORS:

Pat Tovey
Angele Thompson
Stephanie Adams
Dan Frank
Leann Meyer
Cathy Alinovi
Bill Bookout
Renee Streeter
Angela Mills

GUESTS:

Ed Boice	Recording Secretary, Minutes Solutions Inc. (via teleconference)
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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 SUIP No. 7: Update Proposal to MBRC from SUIP WG

Kristen Green made a motion, seconded by Josh Arbaugh, to approve incorporating SUIP No. 7 into the MBRC. Motion failed.

This SUIP is one of many SUIPs the Committee is reviewing and evaluating. Now that rawhide has an official definition, the Committee agreed SUIP No. 9 should be altered to be easier to read and added into the model bill.

Some concern was expressed regarding the language. There is evidence that these products cause health concerns for humans. A retroactive exemption may not be appropriate. It was noted that the language reads that adulterated feed has no exemptions.

Concern was expressed that the incorporation will cause future ramifications, as the states consider approving amendments that the Committee has not considered. Cathy Alinovi confirmed that the Committee considered other areas to place the SUIP and will consider other suggestions.

It was noted that modifying commercial feed laws would cause every state to consider accepting the adoption. Political committees will add and remove language as they consider what the Committee intended in their initial language. Also, states are not required to approve the adoption. Cathy Alinovi clarified that the Committee will not incorporate all the SUIPs.

There was some support expressed for turning SUIP No. 7 into a regulation, and it was noted that various regulators have suggested to the Committee that this SUIP be turned into a regulation. The Committee considered if creating a guidelines document would be a possible solution.

The Committee discussed creating a work group to analyze this SUIP, but agreed not to proceed because of the lack of interest.

The Committee agreed to vote against the motion because of a lack of interest and support.

2.2 SUIP No. 9: Dried Insects for Wild Bird Food Amendment

On a motion made by Kristen Green, seconded by Steve Wenning, it was resolved to amend SUIP No. 9 to include specialty pets. Motion carried.

The amendment is to include other animals that eat insects.

2.3 Charge from BOD: Review Numbering System for SUIPs, Delete SUIPs

On a motion made by Kristen Green, seconded by Josh Arbaugh, it was resolved to create a work group to create a numbering system for the SUIPs. Motion carried.

A numbering system needs to be created as the Committee changes and moves SUIPs. One option is numbering the SUIPs based on the year they are adopted and order they are approved (e.g., SUIP No. 2025-1).

Steve Wenning, Josh Arbaugh, Cathy Alinovi, and Pat Tovey volunteered to join the work group.

2.4 License Fees

On a motion made by Kristen Green, seconded by Josh Arbaugh it was resolved to create a work group to research previous attempts to unify license fees for all U.S. states. Motion carried.

Some steps have been taken to harmonize license fees between all states for the last 20 years, but the unification has never been completed due to the amount of work it would take to harmonize all the costs. AAFCO agreed to attempt again to unify all the fee costs, and to research the history of the attempts for presentation at the Committee's next meeting. It was

noted that changing a small number of the fees slowly over time instead of changing the fees all at once could be beneficial.

It was highlighted that the feed industry has spent the last five years creating a universal application, and has begun to create a universal interface. The change is a significant undertaking since each state has their own systems, servers, and naming conventions, but is overall helpful and needed.

Austin Therrell, Dan King, Leah Wilkinson, and Stephanie Adams volunteered for the work group. Pat Tovey volunteered to share his knowledge of the subject with the group.

2.5 Raw Milk for Pet Food

Cats are contracting fatal diseases such as H5N1 from raw milk. The Committee's concern is that humans will contract H5N1 and possibly other diseases from drinking raw milk for pets. There was a small rise in the northwest U.S. of cats dying from H5N1, and 15 cats out of 75 million have contracted H5N1. Some states recently changed to using human consumption laws for pet foods, which is not necessarily recommended. It was noted that the item is currently a heavy political topic.

3. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was not scheduled.

4. ADJOURNMENT

It was agreed that there was no further business to transact; the meeting closed at 11:49 a.m.

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