



AAFCO

Association of American Feed Control Officials

2026 AAFCO Annual Meeting
 Draft Business Meeting Agenda
 Paradise Point Resort & Spa, San Diego, CA
 Wednesday, August 26
 9:00–10:15 a.m. (PDT)

1. **Call to Order – Dan King, President**
2. **Acknowledgement of Awards – Dan King, President**
3. **Roll Call – Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer**

Ferguson confirmed after roll call ___ out of 51 voting members are present.

Present: TBD

Proxy: TBD

Absent: TBD

4. **Acceptance of Committee Reports – Dan King, President and Bailey Whiten, President-Elect**
All open committee reports are published on the AAFCO website on the 2026 Annual Meeting page, right side, under the heading “Committee Agendas.” Please note that not all committee reports are publicly available.

Animal Feed	Inspection and Sampling
Current Issues and Outreach	Laboratory Methods and Services
Education and Training	Model Bill and Regulations
Enforcement Issues	Pet Food
Finance	Proficiency Testing Program
Ingredient Definitions	Strategic Affairs

Motion. Board recommends acceptance of the committee reports. <> seconds. Motion <>.

5. **Acceptance of Committee Recommendations – Dan King, President and Bailey Whiten, President-Elect**

Ingredient Definitions Committee

1. 40.114 Pomegranate Pomace

40.114 Pomegranate Pomace is the residue from the normal processing of pomegranates for human consumption. This residue shall be suitable for animal food usage and may contain the skin, peel, seed, and pulp of the fruit. It must contain not less than 40% total dietary fiber (dry matter basis) and be dried to contain no more than 10% moisture. It is for use in dog food as a source of dietary fiber consistent with good feeding practices.

Note: New official definition, to replace the tentative definition.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

2. 33.29 (D) Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil

33.29 Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil is the product obtained by mechanically extracting the oil from dried larvae of Black Soldier Fly, *Hermetia illucens*, that have been raised on feedstock composed exclusively of feed grade materials. It is intended for use in poultry, swine and ~~finfish~~ aquaculture feed, and adult dog and adult cat food as a source of energy consistent with good feeding practices. It consists predominantly of glyceride esters of fatty acids and contains no additions of free fatty acids or other materials obtained from fats. It must contain, and be guaranteed for, not less than 90% total fatty acids, no more than 2% unsaponifiable matter and not more than 1% insoluble impurities. Maximum free fatty acids and moisture must also be guaranteed. If an antioxidant(s) is used, the common name or names must be indicated, followed by the words “used as a preservative.”

Note: New official definition, to replace the tentative definition.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

3. 60.117(A) Dried Black Soldier Fly Larvae

60.117 Dried Black Soldier Fly Larvae** is the dried larvae of the Black Soldier Fly, *Hermetia illucens*, with or without mechanical extraction of part of the oil, that has been raised on feedstock composed exclusively of feed grade materials. The ingredient must be labeled with guarantees for minimum crude protein and minimum crude fat on an as-fed basis. If oil is mechanically extracted, maximum crude fat must also be guaranteed on the ingredient label. The ingredient is dried by artificial means to no more than 10% moisture. It is for use in ~~finfish~~ aquaculture, poultry, and swine feed, and in adult dog food and adult cat food as a source of protein and fat consistent with good feeding practices.

Note: New official definition, to replace the tentative definition.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

4. AGRN 73 – Xylooligosaccharides

Addition of AGRN 73 (Xylooligosaccharides) to Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
73	Rayonier Advanced Materials, Inc.	Xylooligosaccharides	Xylooligosaccharides	Utility information not evaluated for GRAS, see FDA's letter for more information	Swine, poultry, and fish	10/2/2024	FDA has no questions. (PDF – 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

5. AGRN 74 – Lytic Bacteriophage Preparation

Addition of AGRN 74 (Lytic Bacteriophage Preparation) to Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
74	Intralytix, Inc.	Lytic Bacteriophage Preparation	Lytic Bacteriophage Preparation	To be used as a processing aid to help control <i>Salmonella enterica</i> in pet food and ingredients for use in pet food at a use rate of 1×10^8 plaque-forming units/gram (PFU/g).	Pets	1/17/2025	FDA has no questions. (PDF – 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

6. AGRN 75 – Tagetes (Aztec marigold) Extract

Addition of AGRN 75 (Tagetes (Aztec marigold) Extract) to Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
75	Royal Canine U.S., Inc.	Tagetes (Aztec marigold) Extract	Tagetes (Aztec marigold) Extract	Utility information not evaluated for GRAS, see FDA's letter for more information	Dogs and Cats	10/2/2024	FDA has no questions. (PDF – 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

7. 75.11 Rice protein concentrate

75.11 Rice protein concentrate is the dried protein fraction of the endosperm of the rice grain (*Oryza sativa*). It is obtained during rice starch production by wet milling under alkaline conditions, sieving, separation, precipitation under acidic conditions, and drying. It must contain not less than 70% protein on a dry matter basis and not more than 12% moisture. If a conditioning agent is used, the name of the conditioning agent must be shown as an added ingredient. It is for use in dog and cat foods as a source of protein in accordance with good feeding practices. (AFIC 2026)

Note: New official definition.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

8. 48.89 Corn Protein Concentrate

Addition of definition 48.89 Corn Protein Concentrate to the **Collective Term 22.4 Plant Protein Products**.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

9. Section 57: Mineral Products – Ca/P Recommended Footnote Regarding Cat Food Products **Addition of the footnote regarding select Phosphorus containing minerals to Section 57. Mineral Products of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).**

Add footnote "(+) Phosphorus from this, and similarly marked minerals, should be limited to a combined total of < 1 gram phosphorus per 1000 kcal ME in complete cat food products. (2026)"

The footnote would apply to the following ingredients, which are P-containing minerals that are > 80% soluble in water after 1 minute of exposure, and be marked with (+): Disodium Phosphate; Monosodium Phosphate; Phosphoric Acid; Sodium Hexametaphosphate; Sodium Tripolyphosphate; Tribasic Sodium Phosphate; Sodium Acid Pyrophosphate.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

10. Modified Feed Term: Natural

Natural - A feed or ingredient derived solely from plant, animal, other organisms, or mined sources, either in its unprocessed state or having been subject to physical processing, heat processing, rendering, purification, extraction, hydrolysis, enzymolysis or fermentation, but not having been produced by or subject to a chemically synthetic process and not containing any additives or processing aids that are chemically synthetic except in amounts as might occur unavoidably in good manufacturing practices.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

11. AGRN 76 – Condensed Algal Residue Solubles

Addition of AGRN 76 (Condensed Algal Residue Solubles) to Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
76	DSM Nutritional Products, LLC	Condensed Algal Residue Solubles (CARS)	Condensed Algal Residue Solubles (CARS)	To be used as a nutritional ingredient that provides energy in the form of protein, fat and carbohydrates	Beef Cattle	4/30/2025	FDA has no questions (PDF- 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

12. AGRN 80 – Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil

Addition of AGRN 80 (Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil) to Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
80	Enviroflight LLC	Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil	Black Soldier Fly Larvae Oil	To be used as a source of energy	Dogs and cats	6/20/25	FDA has no questions (PDF – 4 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

13. AGRN 82 – Beta-Mannanase from a Thermotheomyces Thermophilus Strain Expressing an Altered Man1 Gene from Trichoderma Reesei

Addition of AGRN 82 (Beta-Mannanase from a Thermotheomyces Thermophilus Strain Expressing an Altered Man1 Gene from Trichoderma Reesei) in Section 101 GRAS, Table 101.1 of the AAFCO Official Publication (OP).

AGRN (select for detailed record)	Notifier	Substance	Common Or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA's Letter (select to view letter)
82	BASF Corp.	Beta-mannanase from a <i>Thermotheomyces thermophilus</i> strain expressing an altered <i>man1</i> gene from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i>		Utility information not evaluated for GRAS, see FDA's letter for more information	Swine	07/15 /2025	FDA has no questions (PDF- 3 pages)

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

14. Modified Definition, 9.40 Meat Meal

*9.40 Meat Meal is the rendered product from mammal tissues, exclusive of any added blood, hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, manure, stomach and rumen contents except in such amounts as may occur unavoidably in good processing practices. It shall not contain added extraneous materials not provided for by this definition. ~~The Calcium (Ca) level shall not exceed the actual Phosphorus (P) by more than 2.2 times.~~ The total ash content shall be less than 28%. It shall not contain more than 12% Pepsin indigestible residue** and not more than 9% of the crude protein in the product shall be pepsin indigestible**. The label shall include guarantees for minimum crude protein, minimum crude fat, maximum crude fiber, minimum Phosphorus (P) and minimum and maximum Calcium (Ca). If

the product bears a name descriptive of its kind, composition or origin, it must correspond thereto. (Proposed 1971, Published 1972, Amended 1985, 1993, 2026). IFN 5-00-385 Animal meat meal rendered.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

Pet Food Committee

1. PFC recommends establishing a maximum content of 5 g P/1000 kcal ME in the AAFCO Cat Food Nutrient Profiles with ≤ 1 gram P/1000 kcal ME coming from highly soluble phosphates (Attachment A of the [Ca:P Expert Panel report](#)).

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

2. PFC recommends establishing a minimum Ca:P ratio of 1:1 in the AAFCO Cat Food Nutrient Profiles (Attachment A of the [Ca:P Expert Panel report](#)).

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

3. PFC recommends placing a footnote in section 57. Mineral Products of the Feed Ingredients Definitions chapter to read, "Phosphorus from this, and similarly marked minerals, should be limited to a combined total of ≤ 1 gram phosphorus per 1000 kcal ME in complete cat food products," applying to P-containing minerals that are $\geq 80\%$ soluble in water after 1 minute of exposure (e.g., Disodium Phosphate, Monosodium Phosphate, Phosphoric Acid, Sodium Hexametaphosphate, Sodium Tripolyphosphate, Tribasic Sodium Phosphate and Sodium Acid Pyrophosphate) referenced back to the footnote (Attachment B of the [Ca:P Expert Panel report](#)).

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

4. PFC recommends amending the section "Changes to and Rationale for Nutrient Concentrations – Cat Foods" in the AAFCO OP to read as submitted (Attachment A of the [Ca:P Expert Panel report](#)).

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

5. PFC recommends updating the section titled "AAFCO Dog and Cat Food Nutrient Profiles – Introduction" in the 2027 Official Publication with the below Nutrient Profile WG recommendation paragraph.

Any party may request that AAFCO review the nutrient recommendations established in the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles or Cat Food Nutrient Profiles. Such a request should demonstrate that there is new, compelling evidence that an established recommendation should be changed or a new recommendation established. Any request should include the following:

- 1) The specific proposed change to the nutrient profile and a rationale to support the requested change.
- 2) Evidence demonstrating the new nutritional recommendation, consisting of at least 3 peer-reviewed prospective studies in the target species with at least 2 separate populations, published since the last profile update for the nutrient under consideration.
- 3) A comprehensive literature review to demonstrate any potential contradictory evidence.
- 4) Copies of all cited literature.

Requests meeting all 4 criteria will be provided to an expert panel convened by the PFC chair for consideration. The expert panel shall evaluate the merits of any requested change to a nutrient profile and provide recommendations to the PFC.

Scan the QR code below to access the [Ca:P Expert Panel Report](#). If you have any issues accessing the report, please contact aafco@aafco.org.



Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

Strategic Affairs Committee

- 1. SAC recommends the following policy amendment in red (please refer to Addendum A for the Workgroup report).**

Official Publication

Chapter Five, AAFCO Model Guidance Documents

AAFCO Policy on Resolutions

Page 245, 2026 OP

III. Procedures

1. In January of each year, the President shall call for resolutions at the Midyear Association Business Meeting. The Executive Director may follow up with members through additional communications and seek the submission of resolutions by members and committee chairs.
2. Proposed resolutions will be accepted only if they come from an AAFCO member representative or committee recommendation. If needed for explanatory purposes, a resolution should be accompanied by a statement (not to exceed one page) summarizing the purpose and the justification for the proposed resolution. Guidance and resolution samples will be provided to members to assist with drafting.
3. The Executive Director shall receive and accept all resolutions that meet established guidance on clarity and form and may modify language if deemed advisable, as long as the intent is not changed and the change is in consultation with the resolution sponsor. The Executive Director may consolidate resolutions that are similar in content and intent and so indicate when presenting the revised resolution to the Board.
4. The Executive Director, by tradition, shall also prepare and present at the time and place of AAFCO Annual Meeting additional resolutions that are of a memorial or recognition nature or in good etiquette and are appropriate for the Association.
5. All proposed resolutions reviewed and accepted for clarity and form by the Executive Director shall be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting for approval by the Board of Directors. The Board may invite the sponsor of the resolution to attend a Board of Directors meeting to provide context for the resolution and answer questions. Resolutions that are not passed by the Board of Directors for approval shall not be provided to members for consideration at the Annual Association Business Meeting.
6. The President or President-Elect will be responsible for coordinating the inclusion of the Board-approved proposed resolutions, which are to be presented for membership approval, into the meeting materials for the Annual Association Business Meeting.
7. All resolutions reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the membership during the Annual Association Business Meeting by the President-Elect, with the Board of Directors' recommendations of approval.

***It is best practice to provide Membership with as much advanced notice of known amendments that arise after the submission deadline. Amendments should be provided in a format that shows tracked changes and can be projected visually to the audience.**

8. Floor action on resolutions shall be by two-thirds majority vote of the members present or by proxy at the Annual Association Business Meeting, which constitutes a quorum.
9. The AAFCO Board of Directors shall initiate all action required by the approved resolutions and will attempt to achieve the resolution's intent during the ensuing year. Board members may delegate actions to the Executive Director or Committee Chairs for implementation.
10. The Executive Director shall coordinate the posting of resolutions on AAFCO's website and forward copies to appropriate parties at the direction of the Board of Directors. Response to a resolution may be posted on AAFCO's website at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

Nominating Committee

- 1. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for Board of Directors effective after Midyear 2027.**

President: Bailey Whiten, GA
 President-Elect: Kate Nelson, CT
 Secretary-Treasurer: Ashlee Rose-Ferguson, WA
 Director: Trish Dunn, IN
 Director: Alan Keller, IA
 Director: Rebecca Moseley, AL
 Director: Samantha Moran-Defty, CA
 Director: Jamie Good, ND
 Immediate Past President: Dan King, MN

Motion. The Board recommends acceptance. <> Seconds. Motion <>.

This concludes the recommendations from the committee and board that require membership approval.

Credential Report – Ben Tran, FASS

Number of voting states represented:	Number of life members:
Number of members present:	Total meeting attendance:
Number of countries:	In-Person:
Number of FDA representatives:	Zoom:

Meeting concluded at <> a.m. PDT.

AAFCO POLICY ON RESOLUTIONS WG REPORT**September 24, 2025****Attendees: Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Trish Dunn, Leah Wilkinson, Dan King**

The group discussed and decided to add some language describing best practices to amending resolutions after the designated submission timeline. The group did not want to limit floor amendments allowed in Robert's Rules. The consensus was to provide as much advanced notice so Membership could review prior to discussion at Annual. Also, changes would be best if shown with a tracked changes format for easy viewing.

It was also discussed that "Emergency Resolutions" could be added by the Board if a major event happened after the deadline for submitting the Annual agenda.

(Proposed Amendments (red))**I. PURPOSE**

Each year prior to the AAFCO Association Business Meeting, resolutions are submitted to the AAFCO Board of Directors by members or committees for consideration. Through this process, members and committees may raise concerns and suggested action relating to legislative, regulatory, and technical issues as they apply to commercial animal feed and food safety issues.

II. SCOPE

To establish protocols for the receipt and consideration by members of proposed resolutions submitted through the AAFCO Board of Directors that involves procedures, format, and frames.

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