

2013-2014 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Food Committee

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Charge 1: Track FSMA implementation efforts and advise AFDO Board of strategies for improving these efforts.

Discussion:

Fall Board Report: ORA is hosting monthly field listening sessions on FSMA. These internal calls are designed to educate FDA field staff on all things FSMA, give the field a chance to ask questions and listen to their concerns. Topics include, but are not limited to; how these new authorities were granted, what they mean, how the rule making process happens for FSMA, education on the FSMA Operations Team (FOT) work groups, etc...and are being recorded. The FSMA Operations Team (FOT) Steering Committee has granted permission to share these recordings with commissioned state officials. At this time, The Food Committee Chairs are trying to determine the best possible way to share these recordings; putting on the AFDO website or broadcast from ORA/OP or a mix. Each month these calls will be made available to commissioned state officials. The first call was held in September, the second call is scheduled for October 30, 2013. The first round of calls are Preventive Control centric, followed by a second round which is Imports centric and then Produce in a third round.

The most current and update information on public meetings and rule making under FSMA can be found on the fda.gov website.

Spring Board Report: A FSMA chat workgroup has been set up on FoodSHIELD (thanks David Arvelo, FDA/ORA/OCQPM), and all State partners whom are FDA commissioned have been invited to join this work group. The FSMA chats are posted to FoodSHIELD as soon as ORA's Communication Group receives the recording and transcripts from our conferencing center. The FoodSHIELD work group has agendas, recordings, link to video broadcasts and transcripts for the four FSMA Chats hosted earlier this year.

The 2014 schedule of FSMA chats:

January – What has FDA done to implement FSMA? (recap of last October field listening session)

January – Overview of FSMA including the 5 new authorities (recap of last September listening session)

January – Preventive Controls Exposed (ROM progress, strategic framework and metrics)

March - Inferring Imports: Interpretations and Instructions

April – Intentional Adulteration: A Vast Insurance Policy

May – Interesting Intelligence: Imports

June – Information Technology: Challenges, Direction and Timelines

July and August – summer break

September – Produce FOT and Produce Rule (invited)

October – Sanitary Transportation Proposed Rule (invited)

November – Change Management (invited)

Final Board Report: A special FSMA Chat has been added for May 27 to discuss the roll out of the FSMA operational strategy. This recording and video will be added to the FoodSHIELD committee work group.

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Recommendation: Continue this charge next year.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 2: Host quarterly calls with interested state members to be a conduit for information exchange between the FDA FSMA Operation Teams and the states. Points of contact (Steve Stich embedded in import WG, Ernie Julian embedded in PC and Pat Kennelly embedded in Produce WG).

Discussion:

Fall Board Report: The first call with states is scheduled for early December. During this call the Results Oriented Management (ROM) and developed strategic frameworks for operationalizing the new FSMA regulations will be discussed. A second call will be scheduled in March to get progress updates. States will be encouraged to participate in the call, as this is the conduit for information sharing between FDA and the states on FSMA roll out in the field.

Spring Board Report: The first call was held with states on December 2nd, 2013. All three state embeds provided information in the form of updates from each of their three workgroups. A second call will be scheduled for April, providing states with an opportunity to hear from the work group embeds, to ask questions, raise concerns or provide comment. It is expected the majority of the AFDO Food Committee meeting in Denver this June will be focused on FSMA related topics. At this point, the agenda has not been developed. The Food Committee welcomes any input from the board on development of the agenda for the committee meeting in June; if there are special items of interest as it relates to FSMA from the states.

Final Committee Report: The second call was held with states on April 11, 2014. All three state embeds provided information in the form of updates from each of their three workgroups. Joann Givens, FDA Central Region Acting Regional Director also joined the call to provide a warm welcome. Much of the Food Committee Meeting in June has been dedicated to updates on FSMA. Roberta Wagner has committed to speaking, as well as

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Charge 3: Maintain contact with CFP committees and identify opportunities for collaboration. Contact the CFP Executive Director prior to the CFP conference and request an opportunity to provide an update on AFDO activities of interest that are relevant to CFP. Regularly request and maintain a listing of CFP committees and their members.

Discussion:

Fall Board Report: The Conference for Food Protection will be meeting May 1-7, 2014 in Orlando, Florida. The retail sub-committee leads (Kim Stryker and Joe Graham) will be taking the lead on watching submitted issues, looking for areas of collaboration between the states to ensure the best possible conference outcomes to protect public health and reporting back at the Spring Board meeting on actions needed.

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Spring Board Report: Issues were posted on the CFP website on March 20, 2014. Kim and Joe will be reviewing these to look for areas of collaboration. <http://www.foodprotect.org/about/news/2014-issues-available-for-review-and-download/>

Recommendation: Continue this charge next year.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 4: Work with the AFDO office to find a spot on the AFDO webpage to post FSMA related documents for access by state members as needed or wanted.

Discussion:

Fall Board Report: At this time, there are not any documents to share.

Spring Board Report: At this time, there are not any documents to share. FDA FSMA materials maybe found on the FDA websites fda.gov

Recommendation: The Alliance meets this need. Recommend removing the charge.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 5: Report back to the board on current events as they relate to FSMA for distribution to state members.

Discussion:

Fall Board Report: This charge should be wrapped up into Charge 1, perhaps? Or, describe the distinction between charge 1 and 5.

Spring Board Report: This charge is being addressed under Charges 1 and 2.

Recommendation: Wrapping this charge with charge 1.

Executive Committee Action:

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