

2018-2019 AFDO COMMITTEE CHARGES

Laws and Regulations Committee

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Charge 1: Track federal food safety legislation which may impact federal/state food protection agencies. The primary focus should be on following new proposed legislation, evaluating whether it includes an integrated strategy for working with the states, and alerting membership of new proposals which are being considered.

Charge 2: Solicit states for bill analyses as requested by President for emerging issues such as: trans fat bans, labeling of meat or milk from cloned animals, RBST labeling, nanotechnology labeling, farmers market and cottage food bills, smoking bans, or any other trend in legislative attention. Analyze the annual NCSL report and prepare and disseminate information (such as in the AFDO News) on trends in state laws.

Charge 3: Charge related to the recall project will require a formal project manager, in-person meeting, and perhaps some IT funds.

Charge 4: Develop a pilot for data sharing of distribution lists during recalls.

Charge 5: Coordinate webinars on emerging legal issues of importance to state food safety programs.

Charge 6: Work with AFDO staff to develop a link to industry contacts to be shared.

**Responsible for submission of reports*