

# 2016-2017 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Food Committee

\*Chair: Jim Melvin, AFDO, Raleigh, NC

Chair: Byron Beerbower, FDA, Lansing, MI

Chair: Erik Bungo, VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Richmond, VA

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**Charge 1:** Track FSMA implementation efforts and advise AFDO Board of strategies for improving these efforts. Report back to the board on current events as they relate to FSMA for distribution to state members.

**Discussion:** While various members of the Food Committee have positions on FSMA implementation groups which allowed them access to FSMA implementation information, the committee has encountered multiple disconnects such as retirement of members from their positions, groups that gone dormant after their initial purpose was achieved and the complexities of tracking the efforts in the different areas of FSMA. The Committee has not been effective in meeting this charge and are making the recommendations below:

**Recommendations:** The Food Committee feels that this Charge is important and should be carried over into the next year. The Committee would like for AFDO to request FDA to participate in a Communication Committee that will facilitate the updating of State on FSMA Implementation.

- Committee meets monthly
- FDA membership consist of "in the know" members from Produce Rule implementation and Preventive Controls implementation. Since IT will be a critical component of the next phase of FSMA implementation, representation should that area should also be considered.
- Three state members what would either be selected by primary activity in their state or by region of the country.
- The Food Committee would act as facilitator of the group and be responsible to communicate updates in the manner defined by the Board of Directors.

Note: This is not to circumvent the efforts of PFP but assist in enhancing their efforts by providing assistance with the task of communicating.

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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 including: imports, preventive controls, produce, intentional adulteration, and transportation.

**Discussion:** Two calls were held during the year. One was held to give a general update of the state of FSMA implementation and one was held on the Produce Rule implementation.

**Recommendations:** In 2017-2018, it is suggested that one general update occur mid-year and calls be made throughout the year that highlight the implementation of certain rules. Where States are implementing the rules such as the Preventive Controls and Produce, individuals from the States should be highlighted to communicate issues and successes that are occurring. Continue this charge.

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**Charge 3:** Develop a model guidance for shared kitchens.

**Discussion:** This charge is a shared charge with the Retail Food Committee. Angela Montalbano from New York lead the efforts and developed a model guidance document that is being reviewed by representatives from the Retail Food Committee and the Food Committee

**Recommendations:** The recommendation is to complete the review of this document, incorporate any changes needed and close this charge.

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**Charge 4:** Work with AFDO staff to enhance an AFDO subject matter experts list as it is related to manufactured foods.

**Discussion:** The Food Committee has offered their assistance to the AFDO staff and no additional assistance was needed.

**Recommendations:**

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**Charge 5:** Construct a 2-hour committee session during the allotted committee time spot with a final agenda for submission no later than March 1, 2017.

**Discussion:** A two-hour committee session has been planned and confirmed. Below is the agenda:

- **Update on PFP** - Barbara Cassens, Director for the Office of Partnerships, FDA (30 minutes)
- **Update on the National Food Safety Data Exchange** – Lisa Creason, Director, Information Systems Management Office of Regulatory Affairs/FDA (30 minutes)
- **Update on Produce Rule Implementation** - Byron Beerbower, Consumer Safety Officer, ORA – PSN, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (30 minutes)
- **Fellows Presentation - State Food Safety Regulation of Leased Commercial Kitchens** - Odeisa Hichez, Food Inspector, New York State Dept. of AG & Markets (15 minutes)
- **Fellows Presentation - Corrections after FDA and Wisconsin Manufactured Food Inspections Show Comparable Compliance Rates** - Skya Murphy, Program and Policy Analyst-Adv., Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection (15 minutes)

**Recommendations:** Repeat charge next year.

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**Charge 6:** Provide examples by January 1, 2017 of successful integrated efforts related to integration of the Food Safety System at the Integration Forum May 8, 2017 at the Food Safety Summit. Identify potential speakers for this

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event.

**Discussion:** Mid-year, the Food Committee sent out an email requesting assistance with providing examples for the Summit.

**Recommendations:** Close the charge. Charge is complete.

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**Charge 7:** Develop model guidance for the Regulation of Non-amenable species.

**Discussion:** Research has been done on existing rules, laws and regulations regarding Non-amenable species. Links to that material has been compiled in the AFDO Topical Index. That information will be compiled into a document that will be utilized as a foundation for a model guidance.

**Recommendations:** Utilize material to develop a guidance document for the Regulation of Non-Amenable Species

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