

# 2016-2017 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Laws and Regulations Committee

**Chair:** Gary W. Elliott, South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control, Lancaster, SC

**Chair:** Matt Colson, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Tallahassee, FL

**Chair:** Steve Mandernach, Iowa Dept. of Inspection and Appeals, Des Moines, IA

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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.

**Discussion:** This process is ongoing and is working well.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**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.

**Discussion:** No such requests were made in 2016-2017.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 3:** Develop strategies to implement recommendations from the IFT white paper on date labeling.

**Discussion:** The revised USDA "Food Product Dating" document appears to capture the intent of the IFT white paper on date labeling.

**Recommendations:** Discontinue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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**Charge 4:** Work with AFDO staff in reviewing and updating the Uniform State, Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to assure it contains necessary provisions necessary to perform on-farm inspection activities.

**Discussion:** This charge was not completed.

**Recommendations:** Continue charge working with the AFDO board to determine if this document still has value to the membership, and if so create a sub-committee to complete the charge. Remove this charge.

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

**Discussion:** This charge was not completed during this cycle however, the committee plans to conduct a webinar on alcohol in foods later in the year.

**Recommendations:** Continue this charge.

**Executive Committee Action:**

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