

2017-2018 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Food Committee

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Chair: Jim Melvin, NC Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh, NC

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: Charge 1 was given to the Food Committee to establish and provide a conduit of information on FDA activities and accomplishments related to the implementation of FSMA. All of the Rules have been finalized and FDA has chosen to conduct Webinars on each rule's implementation instead of communicating through associations such as AFDO or NASDA.

Recommendations: As the different activities of FSMA were completed, the need and ability for the Food Committee to perform this function defined in Charge 1 has decreased. The recommendation is that this charge be marked as complete and closed out.

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

Discussion: The FSMA Operational teams charged with the implementation teams have completed their assigned duties and are nonfunctional.

Recommendations: Since the FSMA Operational teams are not operational, this charge need to be considered completed and no further activities needed.

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 3: Construct a 2 hour committee session during the allotted committee time spot with a final agenda for submission no later than March 1, 2018.

Discussion: An hour and half program has been planned for the June AFDO Educational conference.

Recommendations: Continue this charge into the next year

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Charge 4: Compile completed research for the model guidance on the Regulation of non-amendable species.

Discussion: A literature search on the regulation of non-amendable species was conducted and links to the source documents are currently inventoried in the AFDO Topical Index on the AFDO website. Next steps is to

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develop and submit a white paper on the regulation of non-amenable species to be housed in Resource section of the AFDO website.

Recommendations: Committee completes the white paper and presents to the AFDO Board for approval in the next year.

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Charge 5: Develop a Produce Sub-Committee and identify charges for this sub-committee.

Discussion: The Produce Committee is a functional committee and will present at the June AFDO conference.

Recommendations: Complete and close

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Charge 6: Look at issues and identify potential challenges with producing products with alcohol.

Discussion: On May 18, a conference call was held with the committee targeted at the production of products with alcohol. Katherine Simon of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture gave an overview of their inspection program in regard to foods containing alcohol. Additionally, Stephen Robey and Sandra Sisler of the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) provided an overview of their role in regulating alcoholic products.

Recommendations: Continue looking at issues and potential challenges with other types of food.

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Charge 7: Identify Food Commodities where guidance is needed.

Discussion: Matt Colson has started a list of potential food commodities where guidance is needed, including acid/formulated acid foods, fermented foods, foods containing marijuana, and foods containing alcohol. The committee will also be solicited for potential topics and will submit a list to the AFDO Board to provide feedback and direction on developing guidance.

Recommendations: Continue charge into the next year.

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