



## Update from the FDA-AAFCO Annual Briefing

October 28, 2009

**For the First Time, the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) Board of Directors Join the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Board of Directors in Meeting with FDA** at the FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs in Rockville, Maryland – For the first time the two associations held a joint briefing with the folks at FDA in acknowledgment that animal feed is food and that animal feed shares many of the safety issues with food. Representing the Food and Drug Administration were The Assistant Commissioner of Compliance Policy, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Steven Solomon; the Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Dr. Stephen Sundlof; Senior Advisor to the Director of FDA, Michael Taylor; the Director of FDA-Center for Veterinarian Medicine, Dr. Bernadette Dunham and Preet Sudhaker of the Division of Federal – State Relations. “Partnership and Integration” was the theme of the meeting with focus on the efforts in establishing a “Fully Integrated National Food Safety System.”

During this watershed meeting, both AAFCO and AFDO expressed their support of the FDA efforts to establish an effective Integrated National Food Safety System and applauded FDA efforts to involve state and local agencies in the planning stages. Both associations sincerely expressed to FDA representatives that communication, trust and personal relationships are keys to ensuring success in building partnerships as stressed in the Food Protection Plan.

Richard Barnes and Gary German, no strangers to AAFCO, have announced their retirement from FDA service. AAFCO would like to express its gratitude to both gentlemen for their many contributions in support of the association and wish them a healthy and fruitful retirement.

**AAFCO Board of Directors Meet with FDA Representatives at the Annual FDA-AAFCO Briefing** The AAFCO Board of Directors also met with the staff at FDA – Center for Veterinarian Medicine to recap the animal feed highlights of the last fiscal year. The topics included feed ingredients, feed additives, GRAS ingredients, and processing aides; the FDA enforcement matrix; Animal Food Safety System (AFSS) update; and a legislative update.

### Save these dates:

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| AAFCO Midyear Meeting             | January 19 - 21, 2010   | Crowne Plaza in Redondo Beach, CA      |
| AAFCO Feed Administrators Seminar | April 20 – 22, 2010     | Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC |
| AAFCO Annual Meeting              | Tentatively August 2010 | Portland, OR                           |