



OCTOBER 27, 2020 U.S. HEMP AUTHORITY® TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting occurred over Zoom, 1:00 pm – 3:15pm Central Daylight Time.

Roll Call

Present: Grace Bandong, Pamela Baxter, Blake Ebersole, Brett Goldman, David Goodheim, Kasey Irwin, Andrew Pham, Scott Propheter, Marielle Weintraub (USHA Board, non-voting), Brooke Parker Robertson (USHA Secretariat, non-voting), Katelyn Wiard (USHA Secretariat, non-voting), David Gould (FoodChain ID, non-voting, minutes), Marica Moll (FoodChain ID, guest)

Absent: Joy Beckerman, Melody Harwood, Holly Johnson (left after first few minutes), Tim Lombardo, Wendy Mosher, Neda Moss, Megan Olsen, Sarah Oxendale, Ron Conyey (USHA Board, non-voting)

To be clarified: John MacKay or John Morrison – one John in attendance, no last name or responses provided – please indicate which John it was.

Materials provided for this meeting

- Compiled and categorized comments from stakeholders who submitted comments via USHA's google form.
- Comments submitted from stakeholders who did not use the google form:
 - Caliper Foods
 - USP
 - Dr. John Atwater
 - Larisa Pavlick
- Next iteration of v3.0, with changes proposed (and specifically noted in the draft) by David Gould based on above comments, where a revision option seemed clear.
- List of key topics and questions for further TC consideration.

Discussion

All decisions reached by consensus:

- Section 1.2 – Pet products specifically qualified as to how they are to be included within the program scope
- Section 2 – Broad spectrum Extract and Full Spectrum Extract definitions – Commenters suggest revisions are needed but TC decides to keep as they are in the draft until further industry/legal clarification. USHA will stay abreast of regulatory evolution and stay aligned.
- Section 3.1 – Discussion of how prescriptive to be about demonstrating legal compliance; decision to keep language open for now, to gain further experience through the certification process and calibrate cases; subsequent versions of the Standard may be more prescriptive.
- Section 5.1 – Discussion of how prescriptive (or descriptive) to be about demonstration of GMPs – TC agrees to convene an ad hoc Processor/Manufacturer subcommittee to make recommendations: Blake, David Gould, Grace, Kasey, Marielle
- Sections 5.3 & 6.1 – Consideration/clarification of what constitutes adequate verification (not validation) of suppliers' lab results. Also, with respect to verifying that raw crop does not exceed 0.3% THC, it was agreed that the program cannot yet require full transparency back to farm source, and in cases where this is not feasible, supplier qualification protocols must have methods in place to verify this legal requirement.

- Section 5.4 – Added USP Chapters for residual solvents, EPA web link for pesticide limits in hemp
- Section 6.1.2 – Discussion about whether on-site audits are required for Brand Owners' unenrolled processor/manufacturers. FoodChain ID suggests this must at least be an option on a risk basis; some TC members take the position that other certifications (ie GMPs) should be adequate. Unresolved, sent to ad hoc subcommittee for further consideration: David Goodheim, David Gould, Kasey, Marcia, Marielle, Scott
- Section 6.2.3 – Simplified country of origin declaration requirements on labels
- Section 6.2.7 – “Free from” claims with qualifications as noted in the draft will be acceptable

Next Steps

1. David Gould will incorporate adjustments to the v3.0 draft agreed during this TC meeting as described above.
2. USHA Secretariat will circulate 2 doodle polls to convene discussions of an ad hoc Processor/Manufacturer Subcommittee and an ad hoc Brand Owner Subcommittee, per the minutes above. Subcommittees should strive to meet by end of week of November 2, to provide specific recommendations for revision of the v3.0 draft.
3. David Gould will create a next full draft of v3.0 based on the above for TC review and consent to release for a second consultation round.
4. Following creation of the next draft of v3.0, David Gould will summarize stakeholder comments from the first consultation round and the TC's responses, to be released as a cover for a second consultation round.
5. USHA Secretariat will create and launch a second consultation round, aimed to start by mid-November latest, to solicit further stakeholder feedback.

Meeting adjournment

Agreed by consensus at 3:15pm central daylight time