



## **U.S. HEMP AUTHORITY™**

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

#### **Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2020**

Zoom, 12:00 – 1:30pm Central Daylight Time.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Grace Bandong, Pamela Baxter, Blake Ebersole, Brett Goldman, David Goodheim, Melody Harwood, Kasey Irwin, Holly Johnson, Tim Lombardo, John MacKay, John Morrison, Neda Moss, Megan Olsen, Andrew Pham, Scott Propheeter (Chair), Wendy Mosher, Ron Conyeya (USHA Board, non-voting), 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)

Absent: Sarah Oxendale

#### **Agenda:**

- Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> full rough draft of USHA Standard v3.0 – Salient points:
  - Kasey and Blake submitted written comments in advance of the meeting, which will be taken into consideration in the next iteration. Other members still have opportunity to do so, until July 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Introductory section is acceptable, taking into account minor feedback already provided in writing by Kasey.
  - Glossary
    - Brand Owner – definition simplified so that a Brand Owners is not necessarily excluded from being a Processor/Manufacturer.
    - Broad Spectrum Extract – may need more clarification regarding LOD vs. LOQ; concerns raised about manufactured products with a combination of isolates; may warrant further clarification about formulation (see section 6.2.5 of the draft).
    - Cannabinoids – Holly will propose a more accurate definition.
    - May want to add a definition of “Hemp Extract”
  - Growers
    - Efforts are underway to align the Standard with GAP. Scott will share some comments about GAP-type of details that may need to be added if not already sufficiently covered in the draft. The intention is to be aligned and complementary, but not unnecessarily redundant with GAP.
  - Processor/Manufacturers

- Discussion around whether ISO 17025 accreditation should be required, as per clause 5.4.3. Agreed to proceed with this as the starting point, but TC members may weigh in further prior to the public comment period. The TC may call out the question explicitly for stakeholder feedback.
- A section is needed on labeling, for cases where the Processor/Manufacturer is not a Brand Owner.
  - Brand Owners – no discussion or concerns raised.
- Next steps
  - Technical Committee members will submit further written feedback to David by end of 26 July.
  - David will generate a next iteration by 31 July for the TC to review. Committee members will have 1 week to review, comment, and hopefully approve the draft for release, which will then happen unless there are substantive concerns or objections. If necessary, meetings of the TC subcommittees or of the whole TC will be called in order to resolve concerns. It is understood that during the public comment period that TC members can continue to provide input, just as any other stakeholder can.
  - David will then coordinate with the Secretariat for public release of the draft and announcement of a comment period where stakeholders can provide feedback.
- Meeting adjourned 1:31 PM Central Daylight Time