



U.S. HEMP AUTHORITY™
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2020
Zoom, 2:00 – 3:30pm Central Daylight Time.

Roll Call:

Present: Grace Bandong, Pamela Baxter, Blake Ebersole, Brett Goldman, David Goodheim, Melody Harwood, Kasey Irwin, Holly Johnson, John MacKay, John Morrison, Megan Olsen, Andrew Pham, Scott Propheter (Chair), Ron Conyea (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: Tim Lombardo, Neda Moss, Sarah Oxendale, Wendy Mosher

Agenda:

1. Standing agenda items:

- a. Technical Committee member professional updates – none to report.

2. v3.0 drafting process:

- a. overview/update from David Gould, FoodChain ID: Drafts on relevant sections still forthcoming from Grower subcommittee (2 meetings so far) and Sampling/Testing subcommittee (no meetings yet, some individual notes/exchanges. Processor/Manufacturer, Brand Owner subcommittee product circulated to whole Technical Committee along with common-to-all sections drafted by David Gould. Original timeline of having a draft ready for public consultation by beginning July is delayed about 1 month (see below).

- b. subcommittees report on work done, with group discussion on points as noted below:

- Growers –

- Intention is to acknowledge/recognize and interface with GAP without including redundant and/or onerous GSP requirements into the USHA Standard. Subcommittee will continue exchanging with GAP over the coming months to further clarify how USHA and GAP can collaborate.
- V3.0 will pay attention to pesticide use in accordance with existing regulations (state and/or federal), heeding label restrictions/guidelines when they are available, and setting testing limits (MCLs).

- Sampling/Testing –

- Some comments provided so far by individuals, but others need to weigh in. No group subcommittee meeting yet; will be scheduled for next week.

- Some analytical methods specified in v2.0 will need to be updated for v3.0.
 - Text in v2.0 will be reviewed to better delineate between certification requirements versus guidance/recommended practices. In all cases the intention is that v3.0 will heed government regulations at a minimum.
 - Processor/Manufacturer, Brand Owner –
 - Need to assure that worker safety and hygiene is also clearly required in addition to product safety and hygiene.
- c. Additional general discussion points
- Prohibition on genetically engineered hemp – questioned if this prohibition should hold for non-ingestible products (eg fiber, plastics, building materials, etc.). Should be put to stakeholders for their feedback.
 - Question remains how or if sections on sustainability at Grower and/or Processor/Manufacturer levels should be included in the program. If included, the presumption is that requirements would be set as a minimum baseline that does not exclude operators and relies on continuous improvement. The Technical Committee seeks the Board's guidance as to how important it is to include in the scope of the program; could also be drafted and put to stakeholders for feedback on its importance.
 - V3.0 should be applicable to any kind of hemp production, with requirements worded flexibly enough so only those that are relevant to specific sectors apply.
- d. Next steps and timeline
- Brooke will circulate Doodle polls for Grower and Sampling/Testing subcommittees for meetings to occur the week of June 29.
 - Subcommittees are expected to finish their initial drafting work by July 10.
 - David Gould will then combine all subcommittee work into one complete draft of v3.0 for circulation to the entire Technical Committee by July 17.
 - Brooke will circulate a Doodle poll for a full Technical Committee meeting during the week of July 20, with the goal of finalizing a draft ready for public consultation and distribution by end of July.
3. Set Next Meeting – Brooke to circulate Doodle poll for week of July 20
 4. Meeting adjourned (approximately) 3:30 PM Central Daylight Time