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Association of American Feed Control Officials

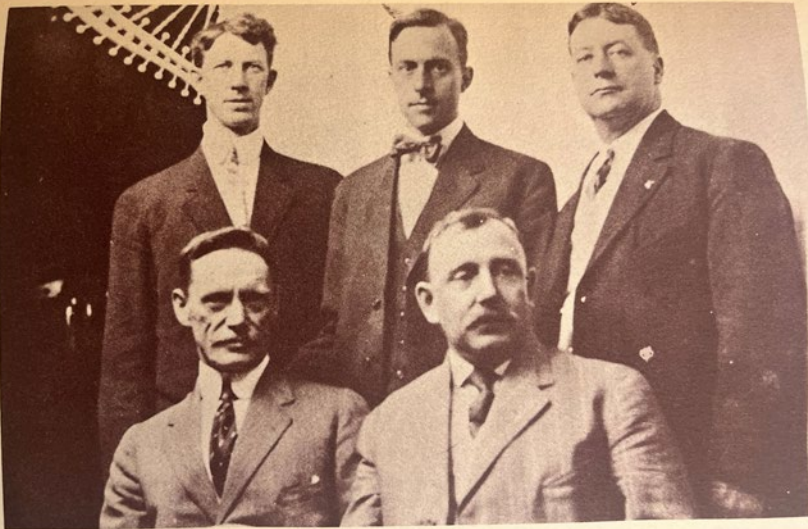
# The Association of American Feed Control Officials

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# AAFCO History

- AAFCO was formed in the fall of 1909 at the conclusion of the second American Feed Manufacturers Association meeting in Washington, DC.
- AFMA appointed a committee of control officials and industry representatives to study inspection and enforcement matters and report back.
- At the conclusion of this meeting, Dr. E.B. Voorhees of the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station requested that control officials remain for a follow up meeting



In the Early Years of the Association. Left to Right, Back Row: J. D. Turner, P. H. Smith and W. J. Jones, Jr.; Front Row: B. L. Purcell and L. F. Brown.  
— Loaned by Mrs. Turner

# Original Purpose

- Dr. Voorhees encouraged regulators to prepare and provide industry with a general consensus of the regulatory community.
- Control officials agreed that a uniform law, along with fair and equitable definitions, regulations and resolutions, was needed for consistency and uniformity.



# AAFCO Today

- AAFCO provides a forum where regulators, industry representatives, and consumers can:
  - Meet in partnership to discuss problems in administering and enforcing state feed laws
  - Identify and find solutions for emerging issues across the country
  - Promote a model bill and regulations
  - Provide guidance and outreach to members and industry
  - Develop training
  - Host an international ISO accredited PTP
  - Advocacy work on state and federal issues
- AAFCO is a voluntary membership organization of the states in the US and Federal government, as well as government agencies in other countries, responsible for the execution of laws and regulations pertaining to the production, labeling, distribution, use, or sale of animal feed and feed ingredients.

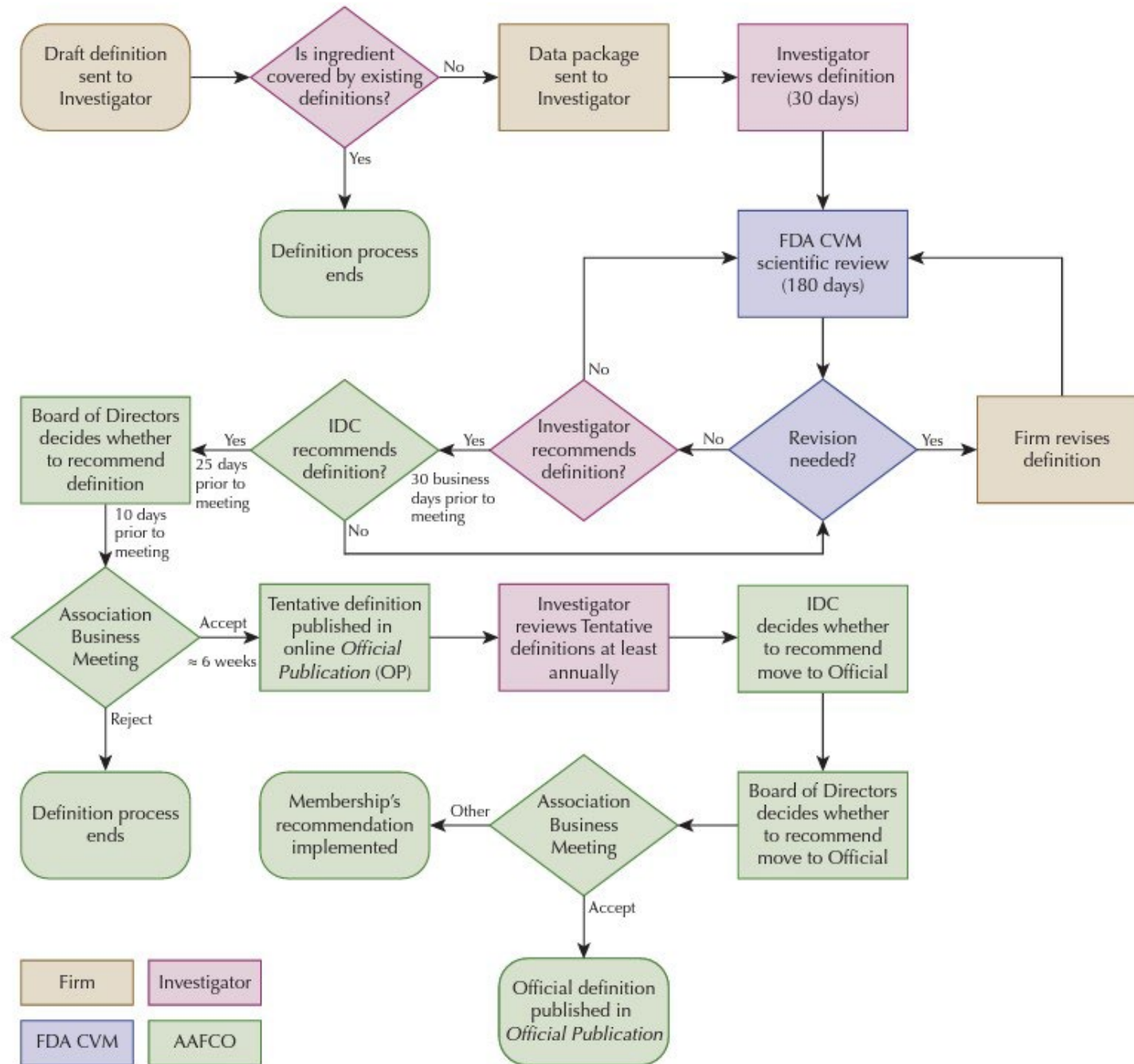
# AAFCO & FDA

- Since the very first meeting in 1909 the federal government has been present at AAFCO meetings.
- FDA representatives participate on many AAFCO committees providing scientific and technical advice
- Serve in a non-voting advisory role on the AAFCO Board of Directors
- FDA provides valuable scientific advice that many state feed control officials rely on when making decisions

# MOU 225-07-7001 Update

- AAFCO and FDA had a formal Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) in place for 17 years
- Expired Oct. 1, 2024
- New FDA Changes
  - GFI# 293
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# The “Historical” AAFCO IDC Process



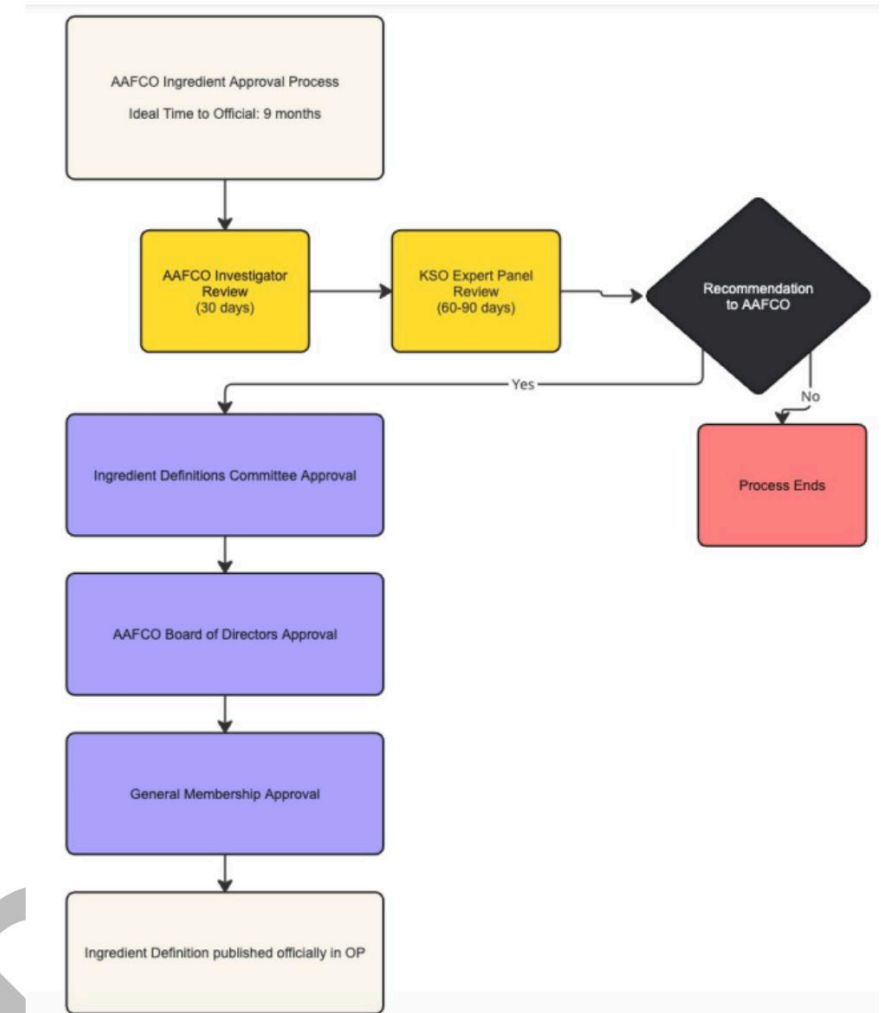
# AAFCO & Kansas State University Proposal

- Announced Oct. 1, 2024
- Accepted comments until Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Based on the GRAS Notice Program

## *Proposed project flow with KSO (9 months)*

SUBMISSION TIER	AMOUNT
<b>Full Submission Package</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Includes data to support approval for 3+ species of animals</li> <li>- Includes review by 3-5 SME's</li> <li>- <i>(may require an additional 10-15 days of review time)</i></li> </ul>	\$50,000
<b>Minor Submission Package</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Includes data to support approval for 1-2 species of animals</li> <li>- Includes review by 2-3 SME's</li> </ul>	\$30,000
<b>Basic Scientific Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Needed for modification<sup>1</sup> of an AAFCO definition that requires a scientific review from qualified SME's.</li> </ul>	\$15,000

<sup>1</sup> - Modification, when used within this process, means any type of change to an AAFCO definition that is scientific in nature and needs to be supported by appropriate data to substantiate the change. This change may result in altering the composition of an ingredient that is publicly available in the market.



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- KSO will manage the entire process for review including providing SMEs the materials, template for pre-evaluation notes/comments
- Organize deliberation meeting with SME panelists with final vote.
- Develop draft report with panel review results and submit draft to panelists for review prior to final submission.
- Submit final recommendation report to AAFCO Ingredient Definitions Committee.
- FTE's available to assist

# Options?

- FAP, GRAS, AFIC, AAFCO
- DDGS, High-pro DDGS, CFP, etc.
- There's a need for standardization in the US and internationally
- Time to market and cost
- The AAFCO Proposal is nimble, efficient, transparent, and innovative. It could bring new products to market more quickly than the previous process and is a great potential alternative to other regulatory pathways.

# Final Thoughts

- Innovation is necessary to remain competitive, but we have to encourage forward momentum within the bounds of healthy regulation.
- As an association, we will continue to work towards creating a regulatory system that facilitates innovation, harmonization, and promotes efficiency.

## The challenge...

“The excellent regulator cannot stay in one place, content to have mastered the past or the present. The world changes, its problems change, its science and technologies change, its economic conditions change, and ultimately its social fabric can change too...In such a world, regulatory excellence demands forward momentum...”

(Cary Coglianese, “The Challenge of Regulatory Excellence”, revised 6.26.20)



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# MIDYEAR MEETING

Little Rock, Arkansas | January 20-23, 2025



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