

Activity Report – Standards Interpretation Committee

2011-2012

41 questions answered - 14 meetings by teleconference – 14 questions referred to the CGSB Committee on Organic Agriculture.

Funding from COO/CFIA for the SIC management; the funding renewal is currently negotiated for 2012-2013

Animal Healthcare Products and Production Aids revised

Regular participation of the SIC members – dynamic discussions, good equilibrium between competences of members.

The Terms of reference are being revised by the OFC; the removal of the requirement for the eligible candidates to the SIC to be members of the CGSB Committee on Organic agriculture is agreed upon and a recommendation will be made to the COO to modify the paragraph 2 of the Terms of reference. It then will read:

1. **The SIC will consist of seven members.** Members shall be experts in different aspects of organic standards and regulations. Different sectors include:
 - Crop producers;
 - Livestock Producers;
 - Processors (food manufacturers);
 - Importers, Distributors and Retailers;
 - Certification Bodies;
 - CB Inspectors;
 - Consumers.

The posting of the Q&As for public comment on the COO website is quite long; the archives are also incomplete. The COO will try to resolve this issue.

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| April 1 st | <u>Table 9</u> : all questions approved except 80-81-82-91 |
| May 3rd | Table 9 revised : A77, 78.2, 78.3, 78.5, 79, 90 reworded. Q78.1 : Ann Macey will be consulted |

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| | Q67: has to be revised and added to Table 10 (propanol on PMRA list) |
| May 31 st | Table 10 non Google Docs : Questions completed : 43,67,80,82,88,91,92 Question to be reworded : 78.1 Questions transferred to Table 11 : 93,94,95,96,97 Consensus on template |
| July 5 | |
| August 2 | Q78.1, 78.2, 78.3, 78.4, 78.5, 78.6, 93 78.7 to be reworded; Q97 tabled. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Answers should not include references to other answers - Original proposed answer by chair should not be reworded - Table with questions to be sent as attachment with meeting notification to help members having connection problems - Each Googledocs table should be downloaded after meetings to prevent loss of work - Nicole & Elizabeth will fix numbering and archive system and try it on Rochelle - Next meeting: September 6, 2 pm |
| September 6 2011 | Q Answered: 55.1, 61, 65.1, 81 A 61: Rochelle comments that it is not properly addressed; Answer to be confirmed by COO: Q 97 Added: Q 97.1 Erased: Q 78.7 <u>To refer to TC: Q 61</u> Next meeting: Eliz will send a Doodle |
| September 27 2011 | Answered: 97, 100, 101, 106, 107, 108 To be reworded: 97.1 To research: 104, 105 Other: 103 transferred to Elizabeth; 102 is delayed to next meeting Next meeting: October 12 at 2:30pm |
| October 12 2011 | Changes to NHP for animal care are explained; no need to have the modified table approved by TC as it is already approved under "botanicals". Q 97.1, 102, 105, 109, 110 approved without quorum Q104: answer sent by Maureen after the meeting |
| November 3 2011 | Natural Health Care Directory will be updated and approved by email |

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| | Q 97.1, 102, 104, 105 answered; Q104 to be posted with Q18 for comment period Doodle for next meeting |
| December 7 2011 | Q 109 resolved Q 110 – split in 2 different questions- Maureen will suggest answers |
| December 20 2011 | Discussions on 110, 111 |
| January 19 2012 | Resolved : 112 111 merged with 115 Research to do on 110, 115 |
| February 2 2012 | Resolved : 110 a-b-c, 113, 115 <u>115 to refer to TC</u> |
| February 17 | 116, Q1 revised, Resolved Q2 to revise and 57 removed (about parallel production in greenhouse) |