

**ISSC 2017
Committee Report**

Committee Name : Foreign Relations

Chairperson: David Fyfe

Date of Meeting:

Recorder: Diane Regan

Approved By: _____

Printed Name:

Committee Members Present:

xDavid Fyfe (Chairperson)	xBrian Roughan	xBill Kramer (EPA Delegate)	<input type="checkbox"/>
xKohl Kanwit	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Sherman	xMelissa Abbott (FDA Delegate)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Lowrey	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Taylor	xJon Bell (NOAA Delegate)	
xDiane Regan	xJohn White		

Charges

Charge 1: The Foreign Relations Committee is charged with reviewing information concerning foreign developments that may impact shellfish sanitation in the United States. This information may be presented through the proposal process or to the Executive Board for consideration and dissemination to Conference members.

Findings/Conclusions:

- 2015 Report Reviewed
 - Interest remains in Interagency Working Group on Ocean Acidification
- EPA Report: Hard & electronic copies of links provided to Committee members
- FDA Report:
 - Reviewed relationships:
 - South Korea: evaluated in 2017 and a new MOU was signed
 - Mexico: MOU expired in 2017; renewal soon; 9 action plans
 - Canada: East reviewed in 2016; West reviewed in 2017
 - Canada will review US program in 2018
 - New Zealand: Systems agreement since 2012; due again
 - New Zealand reviewed Texas program in 2017
 - Peru program was reviewed in 2017
 - Reviewed status with EU
 - Gulf states & Virginia out, due to V.v., but PHP might be possible
 - NOAA Certifications will be necessary as is the case for China
 - Question of whether states may assist, as with China
 - EU's revision of meat standards in 2016 slowed process
 - Flurry of activity in recent weeks, including legal language review
 - Language will eventually be published in Federal Register
 - Will be parallel equivalence recognition for Approved waters only
 - Initially, only Netherlands, Spain, Massachusetts & Washington
 - Addition of states will not first require further audits
- NOAA Report:
 - Participation in ISSC growing
 - Discussed push for aquaculture in National waters
 - Submitted 2 Proposals to ISSC in 2017

- New Zealand Report: Brian Roughan replaced Jim Sim
 - CODEX document, with assistance from CEFAS, initiated in 4 African Countries, to assist new countries through the sanitation process
 - New Zealand program realigning with MO
- Canada Report: 14 food regulations for meat & shellfish consolidated in 2017
 - Systems based equivalency published in 2017
 - Reassessment of programs in Mexico & Chile to be done in 2018
 - Instituting live online mapping of shellfish water quality
 - East coast done; west coast completed soon
- Korea Report: Hongsik Yu represented South Korea
 - due to need for economic growth, 2 health standards in effect
 - lower standard for domestic markets
 - 64 growing areas for domestic; 2 for export; need to increase both
 - Educating population on health issues & now demanding equality
 - FDA assistance greatly appreciated
- FDA representatives noted Korea's considerable efforts and interest in learning more about public health methods
- Mexico did not have representation at this meeting

Recommendations:

1. Reports by FDA, NOAA and EPA are very informative, greatly appreciated and should continue.
2. Likewise, reports by participating countries are valuable and an effort should be made to ensure that each country attending ISSC has a representative on the Foreign Relations Committee
3. Mr. Hongsik Yu has agreed to represent South Korea on the Foreign Relations Committee, and his appointment is recommended.