Who is AAFCO? And Why Should I Care?

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Who is AFIA?

- Represents the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. feed industry and its suppliers

- > 650 members

- Membership = 75% of the commercial feed in the U.S.

- Membership = 70% of the non-grain ingredients

AFIA members include:

- Ingredient Suppliers
- Feed Manufacturers
- Pet Food Manufacturers
- Equipment Manufacturers
- Renderers
- Industry Support
- Associations
- Educational Institutions
- Pharmaceuticals
- Media
The Players

• Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)
• State feed control officials
• U.S. Food & Drug Administration
  • Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
AAFCO

• Not a regulatory body
• The association for state regulatory agencies governing feed, feed ingredients and pet food
• AAFCO has the model bill/regulations, ingredient definition process, *Official Publication*
• AAFCO sets the tone for state regulation
• [www.aafco.org](http://www.aafco.org)
• AFIA/AAFCO 109 years of unbroken meetings
AAFCO

• Goals:
  – Safeguarding the health of animals and humans
  – Ensure consumer protection
  – Providing a level playing field of orderly commerce for the animal feed industry.

• How:
  – by developing and implementing uniform and equitable laws, regulations, standards, definitions and enforcement policies for regulating the manufacture, labeling, distribution and sale of animal feeds - resulting in safe, effective and useful feeds by promoting uniformity amongst member agencies.
• Committees
  – Current Issues and Outreach
  – Inspection and Sampling
  – Model Bill and Regulations
  – Feed and Feed Ingredient Manufacturing
  – Ingredient Definitions
  – Feed Labeling
  – Pet Food
  – Education and Training
  – Strategic Affairs
  – Proficiency Testing
  – Laboratory Methods and Services
State Feed Control Officials

• State departments of agriculture, state chemists, environment and others

• Regulatory services within the land grant university system
  – ex. Kentucky Regulatory Services: University of Kentucky, Office of the Texas State Chemist: Texas A&M University, Office of the Indiana State Chemist: Purdue University

• Follow state feed law and regulations

• Inspect facilities, review labels, tonnage reporting, sampling, enforcement actions
State Feed Control Officials

- All states except Alaska – commercial feed law and regulations
- Almost all adopt a version of the AAFCO Model Bill and Regulations
- Laws/regulations generally uniform, but exceptions
  - Become familiar with state of interest
  - Watch for changes
- AAFCO state requirements/find feed control official
  - http://www.aafco.org/Regulatory
Ingredients

• Food = Feed in federal law
• Approved for humans ≠ approved for animals
• Ingredients must be approved:
  – Food additive (FAP)
  – Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS)
  – AAFCO Official Publication
    • Common or usual name
    • Ingredient definition
• States will review labels to ensure ingredient is approved
• FSMA: unapproved food additives = chemical hazard
AAFCO Ingredient Definitions

• State laws:
  • Common or usual name
  • Defined in the *Official Publication* of AAFCO, or
  • Defined by the Commissioner/Director in the state
• FDA conducts safety review
• Definitions and feed terms
Ingredient Approvals

• Speed of Approvals is slow
• Survey shows $1.75 million in lost revenue for every year of delay in approval
• AFIA priority to improve review processes
  • Submission quality
  • Resources for FDA-CVM
  • AAFCO process
• IFIF Convergence project for EU-Canada-U.S. submission requirements
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