
AFIA Update on Feed Safety, AAFCO and Congress

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Feed Safety and Congress

- In September 2007, Congress enacted a law requiring FDA to make rules in two years that will create process control and ingredient standards in pet food
- What this means is unclear, as there is no congressional report
- FDA has announced it will publish rules sometime around May of this year



Feed Safety and Congress

- The first round of proposed rules will require risk-based, written risk management programs at feed mills, ingredient operations and distributors and pet food firms.
- FDA is mandated to finalize the rules on September 27. Likely will not meet.
- Also, must create many ingredient standards. Not sure how this will happen.



Feed Safety and Congress

- In the same law, Congress required FDA to set up in one year a Reportable Food Registry for adulterated food and feed
- Any feed, feed ingredient or pet food that comes to you, is blended/sold into the marketplace and causes or has the potential to cause serious adverse health consequences or death in man or animals will be required to be reported to FDA



Feed Safety and Congress

- Such report will contain all the particulars, amounts, names, location and be available to the public—there are exceptions.
- Such a report will likely mean the demise of any firm.
- This reporting process will go into effect in the Spring at a date uncertain.



Feed Safety and Congress

- There were many more bills in Congress with import control, mandatory recall, increased penalties, more fees, etc. that expired with the close of the session
- Some of these will be introduced in the Senate, which may pass one early.
- The House does not have this on its priority list, which is to deal with health care.



Feed Safety and Congress

- Due to the economic situation, this issue will likely have little traction.
- AFIA is excited that FDA's Food Protection Plan will recognize industry programs.
- Most feed safety bills had third-party certification programs, which AFIA strongly supports via its Safe Feed/Safe Food Program.



FDA's Food Protection Plan

- AFIA has begun discussions with CVM to determine what are its next steps in recognition of industry programs
- FDA says it will move quickly to keep the momentum going and not wait for Congress to give it the authority to recognize programs
- AFIA believes our SF/SF Certification Program is the future of industry regulation



BSE Feed Rule Amendments

- Published last April; effective April 27
- FDA is considering postponing the rule until June 27
- Problem is tallow in multi-species plants
- If rule not postponed, all non-compliant products must be out of marketplace by April 27.
- Plants need flushing



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