Our vision: To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission: Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada’s people, environment and economy.

Animal Feed Division Feed Regulatory Renewal Update for AAFCO July 2014

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CFIA Change Agenda In Brief

The CFIA has embarked on a comprehensive change agenda to strengthen its foundation of legislation, regulatory programs, and inspection delivery.

Goals:

1. **Legislation** that is robust, flexible, and consistent with international approaches and appropriate for 21^{st} century
2. **Regulations** that reduce unnecessary compliance burden and support innovation while maintaining public safety, as well as environmental and economic sustainability
3. **Inspection model** that is based on common inspection activities and standard processes, and supported by a renewed training regime
Expected Outcomes of Modernization

Feed system that is:

- able to deliver better protection from food safety/animal health risks for Canadians/Canada’s livestock herds;
- focused on science-based and risk-based prevention and control of potential hazards as well as robust and responsive;
- transparent so consumers can play their role and so industry understands obligations;
- internationally consistent and harmonized wherever possible; and
- outcome-based whenever possible and assessed regularly to verify that outcomes are achieved and that systems are functioning well.
Legislation Update – Agriculture Growth Bill

• Tabled by Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on December 9, 2013

• Proposes to make amendments to CFIA Acts:
  • Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act;
  • Feeds Act;
  • Fertilizers Act;
  • Health of Animals Act;
  • Plant Protection Act;
  • Seeds Act;
  • Plant Breeders’ Rights Act.
Legislation Update – Feeds Act

Some significant amendments proposed to Act in Bill:

- Regulation-making authorities to licence/register establishments and/or operators relative to import, export and domestic activities and to products
- Regulation-making authorities to require regulated parties to develop, implement and maintain quality management programs, preventive control plans etc.
- Incorporation by reference
- Clear authority to consider information available from the assessment of feeds done by foreign governments / international organizations
Feed Regulatory Modernization
Feed Regulatory Renewal Project - Status

CFIA to release a series of proposals (“modules”) for public comment and input regarding:

1. **Feed ingredient classification & authorization** (Completed - Consultation closed December 2013)

2. **Feed labelling** (Completed - Consultation closed December 2013)

3. **Feed Hazard Identification and Preventive Controls** (July 2014)
   - 30 day comment period ends July 25, 2014

4. **Facility licensing / enforcement approaches** (Deferred - align with proposed iAIM / consultation outcomes and address in synthesized proposal)

Summaries of stakeholder feedback now available!
1. Feed Ingredient Proposal

Flexibility will be introduced by:

- Acceptance of international approvals for feed ingredients which have been approved in equivalent jurisdictions
- Tiered data requirements for both safety and intended purpose (e.g. published data, company generated data, history of use, familiarity, foreign data, etc.)
- Identifying alternatives to retaining/maintaining an enforceable positive list of authorized ingredients outside of regulations
2. Feed Labelling Proposal

- Increased flexibility
  - additional guarantees
  - allow additional label information
- Increased international alignment
  - list of ingredients
  - lot #
  - compel caution statements
- Address gaps in current regulations
  - additional guarantees
  - increased flexibility
3. Hazard ID Proposal – Key Ideas

- Applies to both ingredient and mixed feed manufacturers
- Feed manufacturers will be required to complete a hazard identification and assessment
- Feed manufacturers will need to create a preventive control plan, appropriate to their business, to reduce or mitigate hazards
- Preventive control plans will cover the following elements:
  - product and process control
  - sanitation, biosecurity, and pest control
  - hygiene, biosecurity, and employee training
  - equipment design and maintenance
  - physical structure and maintenance
  - receiving, transportation, and storage
  - recalls, complaints, and record keeping
4. Facility licensing / enforcement approaches

- The CFIA is developing an integrated Agency inspection model

- The Hazard ID and Preventive Controls proposal aligns with the Agency model

- Once the Agency model is finalized we will use that to guide the enforcement approach for feed under new Feed Regulations
An Improved Way of Inspecting
Inspection Modernization

Innovative Features of New Model (iAIM)

• Risk-based licenses and preventive control plans are key underpinnings of model

• Inspection oversight to be risk based - better application of intelligence to determine risk

• Inspection approach to be consistent across CFIA programs

• Single strategy for compliance and enforcement to provide consistent and appropriate response across food

• Systematic assessment of performance embedded in approach to ensure continuous improvement
Summary ... heading to a modernized Feed Program

**Modernized Feeds Act**

 próximo control programs; special process controls; licences and registration; exemptions; import, export and interprovincial trade; certification; inspection; Administration (AAMPs); User Fees.

**Modernized Feeds Regulations:**

Horizontal Policy Development:

Import Policy; Alternate Service Delivery Policy; User Fee Policy; Framework for Risk-based Decision Making; Incorporation by Reference Framework.

**Program Delivery:**

Guidance Documents:

Update required to guidance based on revised policies (horizontal where possible, vertical where needed). Elaboration of how program intent is delivered (i.e., CVS tasks); training for field staff.

Feed Program Framework:

Update required to align with modernized legislation and regulations; surveillance plans; functional direction given to inspection staff; performance measures.

**Program Delivery:**

Elaboration of the delivery of inspection program and the interface with regulated parties. *Guided by Modernization Inspection Model*
Next Steps

• Consultation on Hazard ID
  • Consultation closes July 25, 2014

• Development of Consolidated Proposal (for consultation in late summer/early Fall 2014)
  • A number of outstanding policy questions still require discussion and framing in context of a consolidated proposal (e.g. regulation of imports, exports; registration of mixed feeds)
  • Internal and external (with Feed Regulatory Steering Group) discussions planned in coming weeks
  • Status/progress of Agricultural Growth Act may pose a challenge if further delays experienced
  • Working towards preparation of working draft consolidation
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