Is this material an animal food (feed) ingredient?

Will it be consumed by animals other than humans?

NO → It’s not an animal food

YES → Is it a combination of two or more feed materials?

YES → Send description to definitions@aafco.org for consultation

NO → Is it intended to boost the immune system or treat or prevent a disease (other than nutritional deficiencies)?

YES → It’s a drug — Contact the FDA

NO → Is it intended to provide nutrients / flavor / aroma or have a technical effect on feed?

NO → It’s not an animal food

YES → Can it be produced in a manner to provide a consistent source of a nutrients / flavor / aroma or a consistent technical effect?

NO → It does not meet the criteria for animal consumption

YES → Congratulations — It is likely a suitable-for-animals food ingredient! Contact an AAFCO investigator if the ingredient is not listed in the AAFCO Official Publication for your intended use.

It is the manufacturer’s responsibility to produce a safe ingredient for its intended purpose.

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