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Concerning: An AAFCO Label Review Service

Whereas AAFCO recently adopted Pet Food Label Modernization (PFLM) for updated consistent requirements and easier understanding of pet and specialty pet food labels, continuously monitors the need to update requirements for livestock and other commercial feed labels, created and maintains an Online Database of Ingredients to assist in the review of acceptable animal food ingredients, conducts frequent label workshops, and maintains labeling guides; and

Whereas animal food regulators, specifically those responsible for the review of labels, have made substantial advancements in promoting consistency across states. They have implemented frequent training sessions for label reviewers, developed comprehensive checklists, facilitate regular communication, and conduct weekly meetings, nevertheless, inconsistency remains a possibility; and

Whereas because state animal food regulatory programs have varying structures and capabilities of label review, individual interpretations, and/or staff turnover, sometimes leading to additional or inconsistent burden; and

Whereas every state has the right to regulate as they have authority to do so while recognizing opportunities for improvements

Resolved, AAFCO may develop an animal food label review service for compliance with AAFCO model bill and rules to cooperatively share expert knowledge to further promote consistency, smoother state registration, more seamless interstate commerce, and potential industry and regulator cost or in-kind savings

Resolved, state animal food regulatory programs may have access to reviewed and approved labels under this service to verify compliance and they may accept AAFCO reviewed labels with confidence.