FEED INDUSTRY MEMORANDUM NO. 3-11

COMMERCIAL FEEDS CONTAINING POULTRY LITTER

OBJECTIVE:

To clarify conditions under which feed manufacturers may incorporate poultry litter into commercial feeds.

POLICY:

The Office has no objection to the use of litter in commercial feeds; however, because litter can contain materials of potential harm to animals, e.g., drugs and pesticides, aflatoxins, parasites, and/or elevated levels of heavy metals, certain standards of quality different from those for normal feed ingredients are necessary before the litter or feeds containing litter can be distributed. The Office requirements are detailed below:

1) Commercial litter incorporated into animal feed is an ingredient and those supplying this material to the manufacturers or those incorporating litter into animal feed must license and pay inspection fees.

2) Accompanying the licensing materials, the licensee must provide the following:
   a) Three representative lot analyses of their litter, specifically giving the data for levels of drug and pesticide residues, pathogens, mycotoxins, and parasites.
   b) Five representative lot samples of litter or feed containing litter with the analytical data for their respective levels of arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, selenium, iron, magnesium, sulfur, zinc, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, and manganese.
   c) A label which:
      i) conforms in all respects with subchapter C (§141.051-054) of the Texas Commercial Feed Control Act and §61.21, 61.22, 61.23 of the Commercial Feed Rules except that for litter, moisture (loss on drying at 135°C for 4 hours) must be guaranteed as maximum, and for both, ash must be guaranteed as maximum,
      ii) conforms with the AAFCO feed ingredient definition on Recycled Animal Waste Products.
iii) contains directions for use such that at the highest feeding rate the bulk or finished feed ration will not exceed the levels of drug and pesticide residues, pathogens, mycotoxin, parasites, or metals per FDA, USDA, and NRC recommendations.

OTSC will sample quarterly and analyze the litter for arsenic, copper, iron, magnesium, sulfur, zinc, calcium, cadmium, lead, selenium, mercury, and phosphorus.

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