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FEED INDUSTRY MEMORANDUM NO. 3-11

COMMERCIAL FEEDS CONTAINING DRIED POULTRY WASTE OR LITTER

OBJECTIVE:

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

POLICY:

The Office has no objection to the use of poultry waste or litter in commercial feeds; however, because waste or litter can contain materials of potential harm to animals, e.g., drugs and pesticides, pathogenic organisms, mycotoxins, 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 waste or litter incorporated into animal feed is an ingredient and those supplying this material to the manufacturers or those incorporating waste or litter into animal feed must license, pay inspection fees, and appropriately label the waste or litter and animal feed containing the waste or litter.
- 2) Accompanying the licensing materials, the licensee must provide the following:
 - a) Four representative lot samples of their waste or litter or their feed containing waste or litter with the analytical data for their respective levels of drug and pesticide residues, pathogenic organisms Salmonella and E. Coli, mycotoxins, parasites, and heavy metals arsenic, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, mercury, molybdenum, and selenium,.
 - b) 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 waste or litter, moisture (loss on drying at 135°C for 4 hours) must be guaranteed as maximum, following the crude fiber guarantee and for waste or litter or feed containing waste or litter, ash must be guaranteed as maximum, following the moisture guarantee,
 - ii) conforms with the AAFCO feed ingredient definition on Processed 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 annually and analyze the waste or litter or feed containing waste or litter for heavy metals and salmonella.

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