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LICENSING OF DISTRIBUTORS OF RAW MILK AS ANIMAL FEED

OBJECTIVE:

To define the circumstances under which raw milk can be distributed as animal feed.

BACKGROUND:

A number of distributors of raw milk as a specialized animal feed, e.g., to exotic animals, have asked to be licensed. Although these distributors have always been subject to the Feed Law, the Office had not realized that a substantial, but specialized market was not included in its program of surveillance.

DEFINITIONS:

Raw milk - any milk or milk product, exclusive of USDA licensed veterinary biologics, from any species other than humans, that has not been pasteurized in accordance with processes recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Decharacterize - a process using approved dyes which make a substance clearly distinguishable from the same substance for human consumption.

POLICY:

- (a) Raw milk must be decharacterized using food coloring approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, provided that the decharacterization does not adversely affect the nutritive value of the milk.
- (b) Raw milk cannot be distributed in containers that are or resemble those used for human consumption and cannot be stored at retail with or in the vicinity of milk or milk products intended for human consumption.
- (c) Applications for a license must be accompanied by a label which meets the requirements of the Texas Commercial Feed Law and in addition bears the statement:

WARNING: NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. THIS PRODUCT HAS NOT BEEN PASTEURIZED AND MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA.



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EXAMPLE LABEL

RAW MILK ANIMAL FEED

Guaranteed Analysis

Crude Protein (min)	___%
Crude Fat (min)	___%
Crude Fiber (max)	___%
Moisture (max)	___%

Ingredients: Raw milk, Artificial coloring

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Firm Name
Firm Address, Zip Code

Net Contents
___Gallon (___Liter)