FEED INDUSTRY MEMORANDUM NO. 3-5

SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF UNFINISHED OR PARTIALLY PROCESSED GOODS

OBJECTIVE:

To clarify label and tonnage fee exemption criteria for products which have not been sufficiently processed to be suitable for use in commercial feed.

BACKGROUND:

A common practice within portions of the ingredient industry is to partially render or process a product, then sell or transfer part or all for further processing or finishing before use in commercial feed.

POLICY:

Such materials unsuitable for use in feed are exempt (e.g. slab cottonseed cake, slab meat and bone, and fish scraps).

The sale of so-called "unfinished materials" is limited to other persons capable of placing the particular ingredient(s) in a form suitable for use in blended feeds. The unfinished material does not require labeling and payment of inspection fees.

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