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**USE OF SECOND-HAND OR MISLABELED BAGS**

**OBJECTIVE:**

To define the conditions under which mislabeled and second-hand (used) bags may be used in the distribution of commercial feed.

**BACKGROUND:**

The AAFCO model bill in the Official Publication is contained in Section 8 titled Prohibited Acts (h):

"Bags or totes used for commercial feeds (including customer-formula feed) shall not be re-used unless appropriately cleaned. A firm that intends to re-use bags or totes must document their cleanout procedures."

**POLICY:**

Misprinted Bags

Such bags, if new, regardless of markings or labels, may be used if the bag is prominently defaced so that the consumer knows he/she must refer to the additional labeling.

Second-hand Bags

1. Bags once containing medicated feed may never be reused.
2. The manufacturer may fill other second-hand (used) bags with custom feeds or bulk feed bagged for the convenience of the final customer following AAFCO model bill Official Publication Section 8 titled Prohibited Acts (h). The used bags must be supplied by the customer and the bag labels must be defaced.
3. Bags once containing materials that may contaminate the grain or feed with toxins or chemical adulterants may never be reused.

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