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CURRENT POLICY ON USE OF HEMP PRODUCTS IN ANIMAL FEED

The Agricultural Compliance Section of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Division of Food Safety and Agricultural Compliance is responsible for the regulation of commercial feed for animals in the state of Alabama. Pursuant to the Alabama Feed Law and Regulations (Code of Alabama §2-21-16 - §2-21-34 and Alabama Administrative Code 80-1-5),

Pursuant to American Association of Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), March 5, 2017 updated July 16, 2020, the Agricultural Compliance Section does not currently allow the use of any hemp products including hemp seeds, hemp oil or hemp seed meal in products intended for the feeding of animals. The 2021 Official Publication of AAFCO also does not include definitions for any hemp product and Alabama statutes and regulations reference this manual in Code of Alabama §2-21-25 (1) and Alabama Administrative Rules 80-1-5.03.

Hemp processors wishing to introduce hemp products into the Alabama animal feed market can pursue a new ingredient definition through AAFCO

http://www.aafco.org/Portals/0/SiteContent/Regulatory/Committees/Ingredient-Definitions/definition_request_guidelines_020112.pdf).

The Food and Drug Administration's self-affirmed GRAS (generally recognized as safe) program is another avenue for hemp products to potentially reach the animal feed market

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-ingredients-packaging/generally-recognized-safe-gras>).

Our feed program requires firms claiming self-affirmed GRAS to submit the scientific substantiation and data packet used to meet all safety and efficacy requirements of GRAS.

We acknowledge that industrial hemp production in Alabama may produce products suitable for animal feed. However, based on the lack of ingredient definitions reviewed and accepted by AAFCO and without an accepted self-affirmed GRAS submission, we are not accepting hemp products as single ingredients or as a component of any animal feed including pet foods at this time. We are open to reviewing this policy in the future.

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