



State of California
Department of Food and Agriculture
Safe Animal Feed Education Program

Shipment and Distribution/Packaging

Accept the return of formula feed or feed ingredients and determine adulteration and potential of rework into a formula.

Returned/Reworked Feed

Objective:

To accept the return of formula feed or feed ingredients and eliminate the risk of the adulterated product contaminating “clean” product or ingredients.

Person Responsible:

Plant Manager or Designated Employee

Procedure:

Any returned or reworked feed must be appropriately labeled with a “Returned/Rework Feed” tag.

Product must be stored in a manner that minimizes the risk of cross-contamination with other finished feeds or ingredients.

If returned feed is part of a complaint, it must be isolated until a complaint investigation is completed.

Upon an investigation of the product and depending on the cause of the return, if the product is deemed not adulterated it may be reworked, or re-bagged and sold.

If returned feed is to be reworked then representative samples must be taken of the returned feed and results must show that the product is not adulterated; concluding that it is safe for consumption.

Corrective Action:

In the event that product is returned and not labeled or stored correctly a corrective action will be documented and the responsible employee will observe disciplinary action.

Related Documents:

Returned Feed Tag