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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **Commercial Feed Licensing Changes**

The intent of this Notice is to inform the California feed industry of changes in commercial feed licensing fees that are being implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP). To assist the California livestock feed industry in contributing to statewide organic waste reduction efforts, the CFRP has made the changes described below to Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR).

3 CCR Section 2751(c) **reduces the annual commercial feed license fee to \$100** for firms that are solely engaged in the diversion of eligible human food by-products to livestock feed. To be eligible for the reduced license fee, a firm:

- ***Must deal solely in the diversion of eligible human food by-products to livestock feed.*** Firms selling or manufacturing other types of commercial feed or ingredients in addition to human food by-products are not eligible for the reduced license fee.
- ***Must not further manufacture/process the diverted human food by-products beyond what is stated in the ingredient definition.*** For example, firms that remove undesirable constituents (or any other process stated in the ingredient definition) may be eligible. However, firms that grind, mix, or otherwise process in a manner that is not stated in the ingredient definition are not eligible. Reference the specific definitions for eligible human food by-products under 3 CCR Section 2804 for more details.

All commercial feed licenses expire July 1 of each year; the fee is non-refundable and shall not be reduced to cover a fraction of a year. Eligible firms with a current license are encouraged to wait until the renewal period to apply for the reduced license fee. Licensees claiming the reduced license fee will be subject to verification audits.



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Definitions and labeling guidance for eligible human food by-products can be found here:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/pdfs/Human_Food_Waste_Byproducts_Definitions.pdf.

Please note: CDFA has made multiple changes to the commercial feed license within the ExtraView database. To help ensure all licensed locations are accurately categorized, CDFA may modify "Location/Facility Type" and "Feed Operation Classifications" during the approval process based on recent field observations.

For additional information or questions, please contact the CFRP at

feed_lvstk@cdfa.ca.gov or visit our website at

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/SAFE_HumanFoodWasteDiversion.html.

Sincerely,

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