



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FEED INDUSTRY Recognized Official Names of Feed Ingredients

The intent of this notice is to inform the commercial feed industry of changes the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) has made to the California Code of Regulations. CFRP has implemented emergency regulations to align Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 2, Subchapter 2 of the California Code of Regulations with national standards for labeling of commercial feed and recognized official names of feed ingredients. This emergency action was necessary due to the expiration of the Food and Drug Administration's memorandum of understanding with the Association of American Feed Control Officials on October 1, 2024. Changes include:

- Adopting modern recognized official names of feed ingredient definitions.
- Defining complete feed, low nutrition ingredients, premix, and common foods.
- Clarifying free access, reasonable times, all premises and conveyances, and approved.
- Updating prohibition levels for heavy metals.
- Labeling and use requirements:
 - Allowing salt guarantees in lieu of sodium.
 - Clarifying guarantees shall be on an "as-fed" basis.
 - Requiring feed ingredients exceeding the moisture level specified in the recognized official name to be labeled "high moisture."
 - Clarifying use of collective terms.
 - Clarifying that guarantees stated on labels shall accurately represent the composition and/or quality of the commercial feed.
 - Specifying units for guarantees of minerals, vitamins, and amino acids.

The emergency regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 12, 2024, and will remain in effect until May 13, 2025. During this time, the Department will work to permanently adopt these changes through the regular rulemaking process, including a 45-day public comment period during which interested persons may submit comments regarding the regulations.

To read the notice, finding of emergency, and regulation text, please visit CFRP's regulations webpage, <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations.html>. Please contact CFRP at feed_lvstk@cdfa.ca.gov for additional information or questions.

Sincerely,

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