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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY: Commercial Feed License Changes

The intent of this Notice is to inform the California feed industry of changes in commercial feed licensing that are being implemented by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP). The CFRP is committed to improving the licensing process to clarify, optimize and streamline reporting. These changes in licensing and tonnage reporting incentivize human food waste by-products being diverted to animal feed. The CFRP is working with our state agency partners to highlight the effectiveness of the livestock feed industry's ability to divert large quantities of human food by-products to livestock feed.

Licensees will see these new changes in the licensing application within the ExtraView Database and on the Commercial Feed License Application form. [Changes will be effective July 1, 2021, for all license renewals and new commercial feed licenses.](#)

These changes will include a new commercial feed license type for firms solely engaged in the diversion of human food by-products to animal feed, expanded feed classifications, a how-to guide to help with maneuvering the new changes, and new questions within the license application. The new questions within the license application will need to be answered by renewing licensees, as well, as these will be required fields for licensees to proceed in their application or renewal.

Additionally, the CFRP has worked diligently to publish regulations pertaining to the incentivization of licensing and tonnage tax reporting of by-products, including assessing licensees at a lower tonnage tax and license rate. These regulations have recently been published on CDFA's website at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations.html> and are open to public comments until August 9, 2021.

For additional information or questions, please contact the CFRP at (916) 900-5022.

View the official Notice online at: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/pdfs/commercial_feed_licensing_changes_notice_to_industry.pdf

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By-Product Regulations Released for Public Comment

Upon recommendation of the Feed Inspection Advisory Board (FIAB) Regulatory Subcommittee, CFRP drafted regulations introducing incentives for licensees diverting human food by-products to commercial livestock feed. The proposed incentives include a reduced inspection tonnage tax rate for human food by-products diverted, waived tonnage tax payment for a portion of human food by-products diverted, and a reduced commercial feed license fee for firms solely diverting human food by-products. The proposed regulations also clarify which licensee is responsible for paying tonnage tax.

A 45-day public comment period for the proposed regulations began June 25, 2021, and ends August 9, 2021. Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed regulatory action to:

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To read the notice of proposed action, proposed regulation text, and initial statement of reasons, visit the CDFA Inspection Services Division regulations webpage:
<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/regulations.html>

Staff Changes

CFRP is excited to announce some recent staff changes. Kelly Mammen has accepted a position as an Environmental Scientist in CFRP's Southern California territory. Kelly comes to CFRP from CDFA's Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division. Please join us in welcoming Kelly to CFRP!

Ted Bert, previously an Environmental Scientist in the Southern San Joaquin Valley, has accepted a position as CFRP's Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer is a new position that will be leading CFRP's overall enforcement strategy and assisting with the development of administrative penalty regulations.

Samantha Moran-Defty, Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist previously with the Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program, has accepted a position with CFRP. Samantha will be the lead person responsible for overseeing CFRP's collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including the Animal Food Inspection Contract and the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards Cooperative Agreement.

Cathryn McCandless, Environmental Scientist with the SAFE Program, has been promoted to Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist. Cathryn will now be the lead staff member overseeing the SAFE Program's activities.

Commercial Feed License Renewals are Due!

The Commercial Feed License fee is \$500 and licenses are valid for one year, beginning July 1 and expiring June 30 of the following year. Renew online today by visiting <https://inspect.cdfa.ca.gov/evj/ExtraView> or by calling our office at (916) 900-5022.

Renew by July 31, 2021 to avoid the \$100 delinquent payment penalty.

SAFE Program Update on Human Food By-Products

Food waste accounts for the largest waste stream in California with Californians generating over 6 million tons of food waste each year. In response to the environmental impacts created by organic food waste materials, lawmakers in California passed Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) which mandates the reduction of organic waste, including food waste, 75% by the year 2025.

The California Livestock Feed Industry has been utilizing organic waste in various forms for many years as high-quality by-product feedstuffs. The repurposing of human organic food waste to livestock feed decreases the amount of overall waste sent to landfills. Using by-product feeds ensures organic material is utilized for its highest and best use, as livestock feed, and is diverted away from landfills.

The Safe Animal Feed Education (SAFE) Program is working with the California Livestock Feed Industry to promote the use of organic food waste by-product feeds. New outreach in the areas of feed ingredient definitions and proper tonnage tax reporting is

being conducted in order to ensure that members of the California Livestock Feed industry are demonstrating their commitment to decreasing food waste, by repurposing it to livestock feed. Accurate reporting of tonnage of by-products is essential to the future availability of these byproducts for the purposes of feed use. The SAFE Program is working diligently to ensure the diversion of human food waste to animal feed is being accurately portrayed and is understood by fellow state agencies, food waste generators, and the public at large. The Livestock Feed Industry has done tremendous work in the area of by-product feeding and it is important to highlight the efforts the industry has put forward to divert human food waste away from landfills and use it as feed to, ultimately, create food in the form of livestock products such as milk, eggs, meat, and fiber.

The SAFE Program will continue to promote by-product feed use through outreach, education, and continued research in the field. For further information about by-product usage as animal feed please see the SAFE website at:

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



Oranges as Cull Fruit for Feed



Dried Bakery Product

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