



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FEED INDUSTRY

The Commercial Feed Regulatory Program (CFRP) would like to notify all parties involved in the sale, distribution, and transloading of commercial feed or feed ingredients that **you are required to notify the program if you are in possession of damaged feed** per Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) Section 2760 (b). If the program is not notified and becomes aware of damaged feed in your possession enforcement action will be taken.

As a reminder, 3 CCR Section 2694(m) states **maximum percentage of moisture or minimum percentage dry matter shall be guaranteed when moisture exceeds 15.0 percent**. The definitions for Whole Cottonseed, Prime Whole Cottonseed, and Almond Hulls further require that **moisture shall not exceed 13.0 percent**. If the moisture exceeds the level allowed in the definitions for whole cottonseed and almond hulls, the product must be labeled as “high-moisture whole cottonseed” or “high-moisture almond hulls,” along with the moisture maximum guarantee. See **Attachment 1** for regulations relevant to this notice.

See **Attachment 2** for examples of labels at the end of this notice.

The CFRP will follow up on any complaints of damaged feed within the state of California and take regulatory action as needed. To file a complaint, you may use the online form found on our website:
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/CommercialFeedComplaints.html>, or you may contact your local Inspector found in the Field Staff Territory Map at:
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/pdfs/FeedInspectionTerritoryMap.pdf>

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Attachment 1 – 3 CCR sections 2760, 2772, 2780
Attachment 2 – Label examples for damaged feed

§2760. Damaged Feed.

(a) Damaged feed shall be deemed adulterated and unlawful for sale except under permit of the director. Feed shall be deemed damaged when it or any ingredient has been affected by smoke, heat, water, mold, or contamination by any foreign substance to such an extent as to affect the nutritive value, therapeutic value, palatability, or wholesomeness of the feed.

(b) Any person in possession of damaged feed shall notify the director as soon as practicable after the event causing the damage and shall withhold use of the damaged feed until approved by the director. Within 5 working days of receipt of notification, except in emergency conditions, the director will make such inquiry and tests as he deems necessary, or may require the person in possession to demonstrate the extent of damage by sampling, testing, and other procedures as the director deems necessary.

(c) If the director determines that the damaged feed is suitable for use as commercial feed without restriction, he shall so notify the person in possession. Such feed shall not be deemed adulterated.

(d) If the director finds that the damaged feed should be permitted to be used only upon certain conditions, including reconditioning and special labeling, he may issue a permit to the person in possession for such use, requiring such conditions to be met, and may require protective controls and reports as he deems necessary.

(e) If the director determines that the feed is damaged to such an extent as to be unsuitable for use as commercial feed, he shall require the person in possession to destroy the feed or dispose of it in such a manner that it cannot be used as feed and may require controls and reports as he deems necessary.

(f) The director will require that all damaged feed containing drugs be disposed of as provided in subsection (e) and it is unlawful to sell or use such damaged feed.

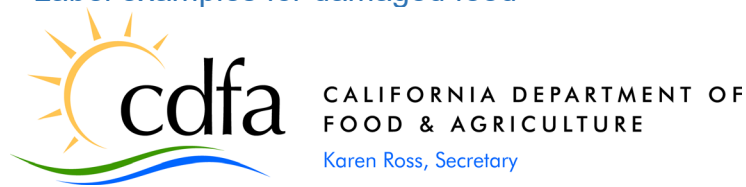
§ 2772. Almond Hull Products.

(b) Almond Hulls are obtained by drying the pericarp which surrounds the nut. Almond Hulls shall contain not more than 13.0 percent moisture, 15.0 percent crude fiber and nine (9.0) percent ash.

§ 2780. Cottonseed Products.

(m) Prime Whole Cottonseed is seed remaining after the removal of fiber in the ginning process. It shall contain not more than three (3.0) percent free fatty acids in the oil. It shall contain not more than 13.0 percent moisture and not more than two (2.0) percent foreign material. It shall be labeled to include the maximum percent ash.

(n) Whole Cottonseed is seed remaining after removal of fiber in the ginning process. It shall contain not more than 15.0 percent free fatty acids in the oil. It shall contain not more than 13.0 percent moisture and not more than two (2.0) percent foreign material. It shall be labeled to include the maximum percent ash.



The following labeling is required for High Moisture or Damaged product:

Almond Hulls Example Labels

Damaged due to mold or heating in the stack but not above 13.0 percent moisture

Damaged Almond Hulls

Crude Protein, minimum.....3.5%
Crude Fat, minimum.....1.5%
Crude Fiber, maximum.....15.0%
Ash, maximum.....9.0%
Moisture, maximum.....13.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor

Damaged due to mold or heating in the stack and above 13.0 percent moisture

Damaged High Moisture Almond Hulls

Crude Protein, minimum.....3.5%
Crude Fat, minimum.....1.5%
Crude Fiber, maximum.....15.0%
Ash, maximum.....9.0%
Moisture, maximum.....25.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor

Above 13.0 percent moisture and not damaged due to mold or heating in the stack

High Moisture Almond Hulls

Crude Protein, minimum.....3.5%
Crude Fat, minimum.....1.5%
Crude Fiber, maximum.....15.0%
Ash, maximum.....9.0%
Moisture, maximum.....25.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor

Cottonseed Example Labels

Damaged due to mold or heating in the stack but not above 13.0 percent moisture

Damaged Cottonseed

Crude Protein, minimum.....XX.0%
Crude Fat, minimum.....XX.0%
Crude Fat, maximum.....XX.0%
Ash, maximum.....XX.0%
Free Fatty Acids in the oil, maximum.....X.0%
Moisture, minimum.....XX.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor

Damaged due to mold or heating in the stack and above 13.0 percent moisture

Damaged High Moisture Cottonseed

Crude Protein, minimum.....XX.0%
Crude Fat, minimum.....XX.0%
Crude Fat, maximum.....XX.0%
Ash, maximum.....XX.0%
Free Fatty Acids in the oil, maximum.....X.0%
Moisture, minimum.....XX.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor

Above 13.0 percent moisture and not damaged due to mold or heating in the stack

High Moisture Cottonseed

Crude Protein, minimum.....XX.X%
Crude Fat, minimum.....XX.0%
Crude Fat, maximum.....XX.0%
Ash, maximum.....XX.0%
Free Fatty Acids in the oil, maximum.....X.0%
Moisture, minimum.....XX.0%

Name and Address of Manufacturer or Guarantor