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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has opened two consultations related to livestock feeds. The first consultation seeks feedback on proposed changes to the Tables of Permissible Claims for Feed Labels. The second consultation seeks feedback on using foreign regulator decisions to facilitate livestock feed approvals in Canada for the pre-market assessment process for approval or registration of some feed products in Canada. Both consultations will run until March 9, 2023.

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The first consultation seeks stakeholder feedback on proposed changes to the Tables of Permissible Claims for Feed Labels. The Tables of Permissible Claims for Feed Labels are incorporated by reference into the Feeds Regulations and the proposed changes would be incorporated by reference into the upcoming new Feeds Regulations, 2023, the final version of which will be published later in 2023. The Tables of Permissible Claims for Feed Labels are comprised of three tables:

1. General Claims
2. Nutritional Claims
3. Specialty Feed Claims

The CFIA is proposing to allow additional specialty feed claims, updates to approved claims, and amendments to the livestock feed and label conditions. The proposed updates can be found on CFIA's webpage in Appendix 1.

Comments can be directed to the CFIA Animal Feed Program: cfia.feedregmodernization-modernisationregalibetails.acia@inspection.gc.ca

The final version of the Tables will be published when the Feeds Regulations, 2023 are published in Canada Gazette II. Any changes will be in effect at that time.

The second consultation concerns the use of foreign decisions for livestock feed approvals in Canada. The CFIA is proposing to facilitate the pre-market assessment for approval or registration of certain feed products which have already gained foreign regulatory approval. Part of the requirements will be that any foreign approvals were based on assessments which address the following:

- Animal Health
- Human Health
- Environmental Safety
- Fit for Purpose

Given jurisdictional differences in assessment of animal feeds, the following feed ingredients are proposed to be excluded from consideration for this alternative pathway to pre-market assessment:

- Products fed to animal species not regulated under Canada's Feeds Act or Feeds Regulations
- Products not classified as feeds in Canada, such as veterinary drugs, veterinary health products, and pest control products
- Feed ingredients derived from plant and animal sources that have a novel trait (this could include genetically modified ingredients)
- Viable microbial strains (non-viable would be within the scope of the proposal)
- Products derived using nanotechnology

CFIA compared Canadian regulations against the European Union (EU) and United States regulations as these jurisdictions share similar regulatory systems. Current feeds considered in scope can be found on CFIA's webpage in Appendix 1. CFIA has provided the following summary of the evaluation of EU and U.S. systems:

Table 1- Summary of CFIA jurisdiction evaluations.

Country	Feed ingredients	Type of application that meets criteria	Endpoints of premarket assessment by the authority met

European Union	Feed additives	Yes - for feed additives	• Animal Health
			• Human Health
			  ○ Food
			  ○ Worker/ bystander
			• Environment
			• Efficacy

European Union	Feed materials	No - not subject to a pre-market authorization process	N/A

United States	Food additives, includes animal feed	Yes - food additive petition	• Target animal health
			• Human health
			  ○ Food
			  ○ Worker/bystander
			• Environment
			• Utility

United States	Other feed applications	No - separate processes for ingredients submitted through generally recognized as safe (GRAS) notifications or Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)	Do not meet all endpoints.

Source: CFIA

For registration or approval in Canada, an application must still be completed, a copy of the complete submission package used for the foreign jurisdiction approval must be submitted to CFIA, and the pre-market assessment process would then consist of an audit of the foreign jurisdiction information as applicable. CFIA may request additional information as necessary. Applicants with products approved

through this pathway will be required to notify CFIA of any change in risk or use status or restrictions imposed on the product in the original assessment jurisdiction. Proposed process and requirements for this pathway can be found under Submission Requirements on the CFIA webpage.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.