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Report Name: Guatemala Eliminates Unnecessary Registration of One Ingredient Mineral Biomolecules in Animal Feed

Country: Guatemala

Post: Guatemala City

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Report Highlights:

On May 26, 2020, the Ministry of Agriculture of Guatemala eliminated the registration requirement for animal feed minerals that contain only one type of biomolecule ingredient. FAS Guatemala estimates that companies will save approximately \$1 million in calendar year 2020 because of this change.

Summary:

According to Central America's regional technical rule ([RTCA 65.05.52:11](#)), minerals used in animal feed must be registered, while minerals with just one ingredient are exempt. Guatemala was interpreting

mineral biomolecules, such as mineral proteiates, as more than one ingredient and, therefore, requiring that each individual molecule seek registration. Companies had to delay sales for up to two months because of the registration requirement.

On May 26, after FAS Guatemala held several virtual meetings and conferences to explain that biomolecules had just one ingredient in their formulation, the Ministry of Agriculture of Guatemala accepted the explanations and eliminated the registration requirement for mineral biomolecules.

Attachments:

No Attachments.