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Report Highlights:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency released a report summarizing the feedback and outcomes of the Agency's 2012 pre-consultation activities with stakeholders on the Feed Regulatory Renewal initiative. In 2013, consultations took place on Feed ingredient assessment and authorization, and Feed labelling. In 2014, CFIA will consult on Feed hazard identification and preventive control, and on Facility licensing / enforcement approaches.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) released a [Report](#) providing a summary of feedback and outcomes of the Agency's 2012 pre-consultation activities with stakeholders on the Feed Regulatory Renewal initiative.

According to the CFIA, this pre-consultation phase was well received by stakeholders and a large amount of information was gathered, crystalizing around the following themes:

- A strong role for the CFIA in overseeing feed safety.
- Debate about the CFIA's role in overseeing feed efficacy.
- A continued need for oversight of ingredients.
- The need for process controls.
- Support of the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada (ANAC) White Paper (The Case for Modernization of the Canadian Feeds Regulations, 2010).
- A need for tiered levels of control.
- Concerns regarding the current registration system.
- Recognition of existing industry programs.
- Access to innovative products.
- Industry's desire to reduce overlap in countries' assessment of feeds and speed up time-to-market.

As a reminder, in 2011, the CFIA began a systematic, multi-year review of its regulatory frameworks for food safety, plant health and animal health, including animal feed. Following extensive pre-consultations in 2012 (the subject of the released [Report](#)) and two multi-stakeholder workshops in early 2013, the Agency committed to developing and releasing a series of proposals on the following subjects for comment and input:

1. Feed ingredient assessment and authorization;
2. Feed labelling;
3. Feed hazard identification and preventive control; and,
4. Facility licensing / enforcement approaches

During the second half of 2013, CFIA released discussion documents and conducted consultations on the first two topics listed above. Please visit this [CFIA website](#) to view those documents and to monitor when new proposals will be posted for consultation on the remaining two topics.

In a related development, please be reminded that, on December 9, 2013, the Canadian government introduced in Parliament a new bill that is designed to modernize and strengthen federal agriculture legislation, support innovation in the Canadian agriculture industry and enhance global market opportunities. Entitled "The Agricultural Growth Act", the bill proposes changes to the suite of statutes that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) uses to regulate the Canadian agricultural sector:

- Plant Breeders' Rights Act
- [Feeds Act](#)
- Fertilizers Act
- Seeds Act
- Health of Animals Act

- Plant Protection Act
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act

The bill provides the CFIA with the authority to consider foreign reviews, data and analyses during the approval or registration of new agricultural products in Canada (including feeds), allowing for a more effective approvals process. The Act also includes a new licensing and registration regime for animal feed and fertilizer operators and establishments, increased monetary penalties for violations, stronger controls for agricultural products at the border and requirements for more stringent record keeping to enhance safety.

For more information on the proposed Agricultural Growth Act, please follow this [link](#) .

Finally, the Animal Feed Division at CFIA would like to remind stakeholders of the following executive changes that took place recently within the agency:

Effective October 16, 2013, Ms. Kaarina Stiff was appointed to the position of Director of the Animal Feed Division. Ms. Stiff comes to the CFIA with 14 years of experience in the Federal government in various organizations, including Transport Canada and most recently Health Canada, where she was the Director, Program Development Bureau, Consumer Product Safety Directorate. She can be contacted by telephone at (613) 773-7109 or via e-mail at Kaarina.Stiff@inspection.gc.ca .

Effective January 6, 2014, Dr. Ian Alexander, formerly the Executive Director (ED), Animal Health and Chief Veterinary Officer in the Policy and Programs Branch (PPB), has become ED, Animal Health Science in Science Branch. On the same date, Dr. Harpreet Kochhar, formerly the ED, Western Area in Operations Branch, has assumed the duties of the ED, Animal Health and Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada in PPB.