

CURRENT STANDARDS

REGULATORY FOUNDATION

TRAINING

INSPECTION PROGRAM

AUDITING

**FEED-RELATED ILLNESS or
DEATH and EMERGENCY
RESPONSE**

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

PLANNING and RESOURCES

**ASSESSMENT and
IMPROVEMENT**

SAMPLING PROGRAM

LABORATORY SUPPORT

The program standards are intended to be implemented by State feed inspection programs.

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<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-10/pdf/2013-16517.pdf>

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AFRPS
Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards

**National Standards
for Feed Inspection
Programs**

A joint project of the
U.S. Food and Drug
Administration and the
Association of
American Feed Control
Officials

BACKGROUND

In early 2009, FDA drafted a vision paper on building an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS). One of the key principles of an IFSS is the uniform application of model programs so that regulatory agencies conduct inspections under the same set of standards. The Food Safety Modernization Act, signed into law in January 2011, further builds upon this principle by supporting enhanced partnerships with state and local government agencies, and the integration of these regulatory programs to support a national food and feed safety system. (FSMA Sec. 201)

Presently, there are no recognized uniform standards for State feed regulatory programs.

In October 2010, the AAFCO Board of Directors encouraged FDA to partner with AAFCO in development of Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS). In response to AAFCO's request, a committee with representatives from AAFCO and FDA started developing the standards in early 2011. On July 10, 2013, FDA and AAFCO announced that the DRAFT AFRPS were available in the *Federal Register* for comment on the proposed information collection.

ISSUE

As the United States moves towards integrating food safety resources, uniform standards across feed regulatory programs are needed.

These standards are designed to integrate the regulatory activities of partner agencies into an efficient and effective process for improving food and feed safety in the United States.

CONCLUSION

The AFRPS will provide a framework that every State can use to determine the strengths and needs of their program. Implementation of these standards will build uniformity and consistency among State feed regulatory programs and further efforts to develop an integrated food safety system.