

AFSS Component #1 – Ingredients and the Approval Process

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Ingredients and the Approval Process

- Objective – to ensure all ingredients/additives are safe for their intended use in animal feed
- Several organizations and processes
 - FDA –drugs, food and color additives, GRAS substances, bioengineered plants, etc.
 - AAFCO – ingredient definitions
 - USDA – vaccines
 - EPA – pesticides

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- Formal procedures by federal agencies
 - result in regulations that establish safe use
 - limitations (species, purpose, amount, etc.)
- Informal FDA procedures
 - result in non-binding decisions
 - usually with minimal or no limitations

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- AAFCO's ingredient definition process
 - results in non-binding decisions on FDA; binding on states
 - placed in the Official Publication (OP)
 - usually with minimal or no limitations
 - has included ingredients/additives not in compliance w/FFDCA

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- Gaps – only one identified
 - The AAFCO OP is the most complete source of permitted ingredients/additives in animal feed in US
 - The name of each ingredient in the OP is recognized by FDA as the common or usual name (Compliance Policy Guide 7126.08), but the definitions are not officially recognized by FDA
 - Modifying the Compliance Policy Guide to address this gap
 - A regulation in Title 21 would be binding