IFEEDEER to Fund much-needed Study on Hazard Analysis

The Institute for Feed Education & Research’s Board of Trustees recently announced the organization’s agreement to fund a hazard analysis feed report with the University of Minnesota’s Center for Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The announcement follows the release of the Food Safety Modernization Act’s “Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis and Risk-based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals” final rules, which were published in the Federal Register Sept. 17, 2015.

The project—IFEEDEER’s largest to date by way of funding—will total $169,348 plus an additional $10,000 to sponsor a symposium at the American Society of Animal Science meeting in July 2016 to review the study.

The report will identify the hazards in animal feed in accordance with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act’s final animal food rules. Hazard analysis as defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is “the first step is hazard identification, which must consider known or reasonably foreseeable biological, chemical, and physical hazards. These hazards could be present because they occur naturally, are unintentionally introduced, or are intentionally introduced for economic gain (if they affect the safety of the food).”

The development of a hazard analysis is required for each facility that manufacturers, process, packs or holds feed, pet food or feed ingredients per FSMA. An outside group, such as the university, can develop a generic hazard analysis and provide it to the facility, but it must be reviewed, approved and implemented by the facility.

This effort by IFEEDER likely will save the industry millions of dollars as the report can be used to meet the FSMA hazard analysis requirements for every feed mill and many ingredient facilities as well. AFIA is very grateful for IFEEDER’s funding of the effort that will assist thousands of facilities to comply with FSMA in a timely manner.

The CAHFS was selected due to a previous study it conducted adequately demonstrating that ill employees likely cannot contaminate feed to the point that animals will also become ill. FDA has proposed to exclude such employees from feed plants, but after AFIA provided the results of the study by CAHFS to FDA, the agency removed the requirement.

“We are very fortunate that AFIA has a foundation that is ready and able to fund a project to assist our membership with a vital step in the implementation process of the final FSMA rule,” said IFEEDER Secretary Richard Sellers. “This project is a prime example of why IFEEDER was formed and what the foundation can do for the entire feed industry.”

The report is expected to take nine months to develop, and once finalized, will be peer reviewed, prior to publication in a journal. The overall goal of the report is to assist AFIA member facilities with development of their animal food safety plans, as required by FSMA, as early as summer 2016.

The industry works against a ticking clock, as FSMA implementation rolls in. Luckily, FDA, in the final rules, adapted AFIA’s comments, taking to a phase-in approach. By September 2019 all aspects of the rule will be finalized.
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IFEEDER Awarded Public Charity Status

The Institute for Feed Education & Research recently received reclassification as a public charity as described in the Internal Revenue Code section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). IFEEDER requested this reclassification from the IRS as it opens additional potential donor opportunities such as the ability to accept grants from private foundations and government agencies. Receiving this status is more aligned with IFEEDER’s mission and will broaden the foundation’s capabilities.

IFEEDER to Participate in First Ever #GivingTuesday

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Dec. 1: The Institute for Feed Education & Research will be participating in its first ever #GivingTuesday Campaign. Last year, more than 30,000 organizations in 68 countries came together to celebrate #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. Since its founding in 2012, #GivingTuesday has inspired giving around the world resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours and activities that bring visible change in communities.

We invite you to join the movement and help IFEEDER fulfill its mission of sustaining the future of food and feed production through education and research. Give back to your industry by making a contribution here, and make visible change in not one, but hundreds of communities through the future of food and animal feed.

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