

**WAC 16-250-008 Definitions and terms.** (1) Definitions and terms in this chapter as well as those defined in chapter 15.53 RCW are mostly shown in capitalized letters to indicate they are specifically defined.

(2) The department adopts the Official Feed Terms and the Official Common and Usual Names and Definitions of Feed Ingredients in the AAFCO *Official Publication* or Common Food Index as referenced in WAC 16-250-064.

(3) In addition, the following definitions apply to this chapter:

(a) "**BONA FIDE EXPERIMENTAL FEED**" means a feed of which research is being conducted to determine the safety and efficacy to create a new or re-defined commercial feed definition as required by WAC 16-250-064 and 16-250-094.

(b) "**DEHYDRATED GRASS MEAL**" means the aerial portion of a grass plant that is:

- (i) Cut before the formation of seed;
- (ii) Reasonably free of other crop plants, weeds, and mold;
- (iii) Finely ground; and
- (iv) Dried by artificial thermal means.

(c) "**DISTRESSED COMMERCIAL FEED**" means commercial feed in distribution that is no longer available for retail SALE. Examples of acceptable distressed commercial feed include, but are not limited to, torn bags or past its quality SELL-by date.

(d) "**GRAIN MIXTURE FEED**" means mixed or intermixed whole or physically altered grains that:

- (i) Are not chemically altered;
- (ii) May or may not contain molasses; and
- (iii) Except for molasses, contain no other additives.

(e) "**GRASS SEED BY-PRODUCTS MEAL OR PELLETS**" means a ground product consisting of light and broken seeds, hulls, chaff, straw, and some weed seeds but excluding sand, dirt, and heavy weed seeds.

(f) "**GRASS SEED SCREENINGS MEAL OR PELLETS**" means a product comprised chiefly of hulls obtained from the cleaning of various grass seeds.

(g) "**GUARANTEE**" means a listing of specified nutrients or nonnutritive substances contained in a commercial feed that the GUARANTOR named on the LABEL warrants.

(h) "**GUARANTEED ANALYSIS**" means a listing of the minimum and/or maximum concentrations of specified nutrients contained in a commercial feed that the GUARANTOR named on the LABEL warrants. Both minimum and maximum concentrations of specified nutrients contained in a commercial feed are stated on an "as is" basis rather than on a "100 percent moisture free" basis in units specified by this chapter.

(i) "**GUARANTOR**" means any person whose name appears on the LABEL of a commercial feed, feed such as a manufacturer or distributor, and is responsible for:

- (i) Product/LABELING information that is not misleading or misbranded; and
- (ii) Compliance with product/LABELING information and all applicable rules and regulation; and
- (iii) Licensing the facility that distributes in/into the state.

(j) "**INGREDIENT STATEMENT**" means a contiguous listing on the LABEL of all ingredients of which the commercial feed is composed.

(k) "**LABEL**" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon or affixed to the container in which a commercial feed is distributed, or on the invoice or delivery slip with which a bulk commercial feed is distributed. This includes statements and promotions on company websites or other internet-based customer interfaces.

(l) "LABELING" means all LABELS and other written, printed, or graphic matter upon a commercial feed or any of its containers or wrappers, or accompanying such commercial feed. This includes statements and promotions on company websites or other internet-based customer interfaces.

(m) "LOT IDENTIFIER" means a unique identifier for each lot, batch or production run that enables the manufacturer to accurately trace the complete manufacturing and distribution history of the product. A LOT IDENTIFIER is an individual lot, batch or production run number, code, date, or other suitable identification applied to the LABEL, container, or package. In the case of bulk feed, the LOT IDENTIFIER is on a LABEL, invoice, or shipping document accompanying the feed.

(n) "NET WEIGHT" means the weight of a commodity excluding any materials, substances, or items not considered to be part of the commodity. Examples of materials, substances, or items not considered to be part of a commodity include, but are not limited to, containers, conveyances, bags, wrappers, packaging materials, LABELS, individual piece coverings, decorative accompaniments, and coupons. (See RCW 19.94.010 (1)(i).)

(o) "NUTRITIONALLY ADEQUATE" or "NUTRITIONALLY SUITABLE" means the commercial feed, when fed according to directions on the LABEL, will meet the nutritional requirements of the class of animals for which the feed was manufactured.

(p) "PEA BRAN" means a product consisting primarily of the various components from a pea splitting operation. PEA BRAN must contain at least 10 percent crude protein and not more than 38 percent crude fiber.

(q) "PEA BY-PRODUCTS MEAL" means a product containing light and broken peas, and offal from pea cleaning, which includes chips, pea powder, pea hulls, and screenings. PEA BY-PRODUCTS MEAL must contain at least 15 percent crude protein and not more than 30 percent crude fiber.

(r) "PEA MEAL" means a pea product resulting from the grinding of whole peas that are reasonably free of other crop seeds, weeds, and mold. PEA MEAL must contain at least 20 percent crude protein and not more than eight percent crude fiber.

(s) "PEA SCREENINGS MEAL" means a product consisting primarily of the various components from the screening and cleaning of peas. PEA SCREENINGS MEAL must contain at least 10 percent crude protein and not more than 38 percent crude fiber.

(t) "PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL" has the same meaning as described in 21 C.F.R. Part 501.1.

(u) "PROHIBITED MAMMALIAN PROTEIN" has the same meaning as described in 21 C.F.R. Part 589.2001.

(v) "QUANTITY STATEMENT" means the part of the LABEL expressing NET WEIGHT (mass), net volume (liquid or dry) or count.

(w) "REPACKAGE" means taking commercial feed from packages (no larger than 100 pounds for dry feed or 55 gallons for liquid feed) and placing it into smaller packages for RESALE.

(x) "RESEARCH" means a methodical investigation into a subject.

(y) "SALVAGE COMMERCIAL FEED" means commercial feed still under control of the original manufacturer and will not be offered for SALE at retail. Examples include, but are not limited to, start-up and over-run product, unpelleted commercial feed, specialty pet food fines, and other products not suitable for packaging for retail sale.

(z) "SELL" or "SALE" means all parts of exchanges concerning commercial feed including, but not limited to, advertising, offering, acceptance, dispensing, giving, delivering, serving, bartering, trading, or other supplying, holding for SALE, and preparing for SALE.

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