

DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISES FOR INGREDIENT MANUFACTURERS



Voice

- Developed science-based African swine fever mitigation strategies in coordination with industry stakeholders and the U.S. government.
- Facilitated development of science-based standards on feed and antimicrobial resistance-related issues in decisions made by the Codex Alimentarius Commission by assuring proper feed industry representation.
- Established a work group to explore the expansion of label claims for feed and feed ingredients through regulatory changes or a legislative fix.
- Worked to harmonize state feed laws and regulations to ensure consistency in interstate commerce, including pursuing ingredient approvals and recognition through independent Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) conclusion and the resolution of several state ingredient issues that would have drastically impacted ingredient suppliers.
- Developed the North American Feed lifecycle analysis (LCA) database to measure the industry's environmental footprint. AFIA is a founding member of the Global Feed LCA Institute and will be working on the second phase of the project, to gather environmental data from members on micro ingredients and feed additives.
- Advocated the use of foreign data to support new animal drug applications and animal food additive petitions to the Food and Drug Administration.
- Improved U.S. Department of Agriculture officials' understanding of the feed industry via AFIA's first Feed 101 course while building a stronger relationship and dialogue between USDA and AFIA staff.

Representation

- Removed regulatory burdens in the FDA's animal food ingredient review and approval processes, provided language to support the use of foreign data in ingredient approvals and require publication of guidance on best practices for ingredient submissions via Sec. 306 - Animal Food Additives in the Animal Drug User Fee Act.
- Acquired \$5 million in additional funding for the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine to hire new staff for animal food ingredient reviews. AFIA is now working to secure an additional \$8 million in the 2021 appropriations bill.

- Improved the industry's access to the Chinese market by streamlining facility registration requirements and removing ruminant and avian product bans (fully lifted in February 2020) in the U.S.-China phase one agreement.
- Successfully advocated Congress pass the U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement, a \$3.2 billion market for the animal food industry, by working closely with other industry representatives.
- Guaranteed the continued operation of "essential" animal food manufacturing, transportation and retail facilities in state and federal response plans to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expertise

- Increased members' understanding of the Food Safety Modernization Act regulations by developing resources based on information learned from Freedom of Information Act requests and post-inspection surveys.
- Provided confidential business and regulatory expertise on a variety of issues related to approval processes, feed and worker safety and environmental concerns.
- Provided valuable insights and business trend information to the industry, such as the animal food consumption report and the pet food report through support of the Institute for Feed Education and Research.
- Facilitated continuous improvement in the delivery of a safe and wholesome feed supply for the growth and care of livestock and pets by promoting generally accepted food safety guidelines through AFIA's Safe Feed/Safe Food Programs, including an option for a GFSI-benchmarked program.

Engagement

- Offered ingredient suppliers networking opportunities with potential customers and valuable educational opportunities at AFIA's Purchasing and Ingredient Suppliers Conference and the International Production & Processing Expo.
- Hosted regular member webinars on legislative and regulatory issues AFIA is actively working on with timely suggestions for industry action.

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