



Dear Commercial Feed Manufacturer/Distributor and Pet Food Distributor:

In 2011, Congress passed the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). FSMA is the most comprehensive reform of our federal food safety laws in over 70 years. The intent of the law is to ensure the U.S. food supply is safe by shifting the focus from responding to contamination to preventing it.

With the release of several new rules under FSMA, it is important for New York food producers, manufacturers, distributors, importers and feed manufacturers to be informed of the content of the rules, and their effective dates.

The following resources are provided to assist New York animal feed and pet food businesses in understanding the FSMA - Preventive Controls for Animal Food Rule [21 CFR part 507](#) and their application to animal feed/food and pet food.

FSMA Preventative Controls for Animal Food Rule

The Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals (Animal Food Rule) establishes food safety requirements for facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold animal food. The rule is intended to ensure the safety of animals consuming the animal food and prevent the spread of foodborne illnesses in humans who handle it, especially pet food. These requirements are very similar to the Preventive Controls for Human Foods rule, with a few notable exceptions. Like the Preventive Controls Rule, this rule requires covered facilities to (1) implement current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) regulations, and (2) develop and implement preventive controls as part of a written Food Safety Plan. This Food Safety Plan must include the following primary elements:

- An identification of food safety hazards;
- Preventive controls to address those hazards;
- Oversight and management of preventive controls, including monitoring, corrective actions, and verification to ensure that the plan is implemented appropriately; and
- A recall plan.

Like the Preventive Controls for Human Food rule, the Animal Food final rule requires that most documents generated as part of the Food Safety Plan are kept for at least two years. To learn more about the Animal Feed Final Rules visit the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and FDA websites listed below to determine applicability and understand what may be required of your business to gain compliance with this FSMA rule.

The following website(s) will provide guidance on the FSMA Preventive Controls for Animal Food Rule and direct you to FSMA Preventive Controls for Animal Food training courses that are available:

- *New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets website* - <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/>
- *FDA website* - <https://www.fda.gov/>
- *FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act)* - <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/FS/general/fsma.html>
- *Preventive Controls for Animal Food “At a Glance”* - https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/FS/general/FSMA-Animal_Food_at_a_Glance.pdf
- *Training* - https://fspca.force.com/FSPCA/s/?language=en_US
Training in New York - <https://www.cfd.coop/go/get/page/fspca-pcqi> - To sign-up for Preventative Controls for Animal Food training please contact MacKenzie Waro of Cornell University or email: mlw55@cornell.edu
- *Small Entity Guidance:*
<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/AnimalVeterinary/GuidanceComplianceEnforcement/GuidanceforIndustry/UCM499202.pdf>
- *Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) Guidance:*
<https://www.fda.gov/ucm/groups/fdagov-public/@fdagov-av-gen/documents/document/ucm499200.pdf>

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Thank you.