



INNOVATIVE FEED ACT

Promoting Production Benefits in Feed Products

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OVERVIEW

The bipartisan Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development (Innovative FEED) Act (H.R.6687 and S. 1842) would establish a new category of non-nutritive animal food additives that provide production, health and environmental benefits.

The Act would provide an efficient pathway for these additives to gain FDA regulatory approval through the animal food additive petition process. In contrast, these products currently are required to go through FDA's cumbersome drug approval process.

FDA Action:

Although FDA on Feb. 2, 2024, announced it would revoke a decades-old regulatory policy that hindered nutritive feed ingredients from making production claims, the Innovative FEED Act is still needed so non-nutritive feed ingredients that provide production, health and environmental benefits can more efficiently become available to U.S. farmers and ranchers.

Bill Status:

The Innovative FEED Act (S. 1842) was introduced in the Senate in 2023 and included in the reauthorization of the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA) passed by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. However, the version of ADUFA passed by Congress did not include the FEED Act.

Reps. Greg Pence, R-Ind.; Jim Baird, R-Ind.; Kim Schrier, D-Wash; and Angie Craig, D-Minn., introduced the bill in the House in 2023.

Novel Feed Ingredient Benefits

Benefits of novel feed additives include the potential to:

- Improve animal production and well-being.
- Diminish pre-harvest food safety concerns.
- Reduce the environmental impact of livestock production.
- Reduce the presence of food-borne pathogens in animal-derived foods.

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