



BSE: Your Actions Matter

Do the FDA's feed regulations apply to you?
If you handle feed or feed ingredients, YES!

What do I need to do to comply with the FDA's feed regulations?

- **DO NOT** contaminate ruminant feeds or ingredients with prohibited materials
- If you handle prohibited and non-prohibited materials, prevent cross-contamination and commingling through **SEPARATION** or **CLEANOUT**, and proper **LABELING**
- You **MUST** provide written procedures of separation or cleanout methods and documentation of cleanout if you handle prohibited and non-prohibited materials

1. BE AWARE



- You may be handling feed ingredients that cannot be fed to cattle or other ruminants
- **YOU** need to know what is prohibited

Cattle may become infected by eating BSE-contaminated feed



- Retail pet foods may contain prohibited materials but do not require the caution statement

3. MIXING AND HANDLING

Prevent cross contamination

You must use one or more of the following:

- **SEPARATION**
 - Using different equipment to handle prohibited and non-prohibited materials
- **CLEANOUT**
 - **Physical cleaning** - sweeping, vacuuming and/or washing
 - **Flushing and/or sequencing** - cleaning equipment by running an adequate volume of non-prohibited feed product through the equipment. The flush product is then considered prohibited



2. LABELING

Follow labeling regulations

- If you handle prohibited materials...
 - **YOU** must label outgoing feeds containing prohibited material with the caution statement:

"DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE OR OTHER RUMINANTS"

- The statement must be prominent, conspicuous and easily read

4. KEEP RECORDS

Document what was done with products containing **prohibited** materials, including retail pet foods, throughout their receipt, processing, and distribution

- **Separation or cleanout records should include...**
 - How the equipment was cleaned
 - Who is responsible
 - How cleanout is monitored and verified
 - How volume of flush material was determined and handled
- **Keep records for at least ONE year**

