



HPTA Update: Progress on the Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development (FEED) Act of 2023

Dear HPTA Members,

HPTA continues to monitor the progress of several bills in Congress and their potential impact on the humic substance industry. We are happy to report an important update regarding the Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development (FEED) Act of 2023.

As previously reported, the Animal Drug User Fee Act (ADUFA) was reauthorized without including the Innovative Feed Act. While this development was indeed a setback for advocates for the Innovative FEED Act, we are pleased to inform you that significant progress has been made in advancing the Innovative FEED Act in the House of Representatives.

Just last week, on December 7, 2023, Congressman Greg Pence (R-IN-06), Congressman Jim Baird (R-IN-04), Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-WA-08), and Congresswoman Angie Craig (D-MN-02), along with support of eight of their colleagues as co-sponsors, introduced the Innovative Feed Enhancement and Economic Development Act of 2023 (Innovative FEED Act) in the House of Representatives. This bill mirrors the Senate version, which was introduced earlier this year.

The Innovative FEED Act seeks to modernize the regulatory framework for animal feed additives, a long overdue change. It creates a new category of animal feed ingredients called "zootechnical animal food substances." It defines them as substances that act exclusively within the GI tract of the animal to lower food pathogens, reduce byproducts for animals, or affect its gut microbiome. This act will clarify that zootechnical animal food substances will be regulated within the FDA's existing Food Additive Petition process for

market approval, streamlining the process and reducing regulatory hurdles.

We are encouraged by the bipartisan support that the Innovative FEED Act has garnered in the Senate and applaud the bill's introduction into the House of Representatives. Organizations such as the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), the National Milk Producers Federation, the Indiana Dairy Producers, the American Feed Industry Association, the National Grain and Feed Association, the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the Agricultural Retailers Association have expressed their support for this bill.

While the Senate version faced challenges, introducing a House version demonstrates progress and a strong commitment to this vital piece of legislation.

We strongly urge all HPTA members to take action and contact their congressional representatives to signal support for the Innovative Feed Act. Your engagement is crucial in helping us achieve our objectives. Let your representatives know this act is important to our industry and American farmers.

Your cooperation and support in this matter are greatly appreciated. By actively advocating for the Innovative FEED Act, we can drive positive change for our industry and position ourselves for future advancements.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the humic substance industry. We will update you on any further developments related to this critical legislation.

Best regards,

HPTA Board

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