

**ACADIAN SEAPLANTS LIMITED PREPARING FOR FOOD SAFETY
MODERNIZATION ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

March 18, 2011. Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The signing of the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2010 signed into law by President Obama Jan. 4, 2011 means widespread changes for the food and feed industry, Acadian Seaplants officials say our feed manufacturing processes will, for the most part, remain unaffected.

That's because Acadian Seaplants' facility has already been going above and beyond government regulations by participating in the voluntary Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program administered by the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA).

"Acadian Seaplants is prepared for this new legislation because we've taken a proactive approach in our processing facility," says Acadian Seaplants' Quality Assurance Director Andy McLean. "We don't expect this new act to change the way we do business because our participation in the AFIA Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program has already put us in compliance."

The new Food Safety Act was first introduced in Congress in 2009, partly in response to public outcry over a rash of recalls of basic kitchen staples such as eggs, spinach and peanut butter. The legislation aims to improve overall food safety by giving the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) new powers to better monitor and help prevent food-borne disease outbreaks, trace problems to the source, and hold those parties responsible.

AFIA — the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative, and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers — played a very active role in this legislation over the last two years, mainly

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working to create a “firewall” between food and feed provisions. In several places, AFIA managed to convince Congress that in rulemaking the FDA should differentiate between food for humans and feed for animals.

“AFIA was very active in providing input in the drafting of this legislation,” says AFIA president and CEO Joel G. Newman. “AFIA believes it was able to reach a reasonable consensus and compromise on the major provisions of the bill that will affect the feed industry.”

The centerpiece of this new act is the requirement for all food, feed, ingredient, and pet food facilities to identify food/feed safety hazards and develop written guidelines to control them — procedures Acadian Seaplants currently has in place as part of Safe Feed/Safe Food’s stringent stipulations. Compliance in the program is determined bi-annually by a third-party company that performs an external audit on Acadian Seaplants’ procedures.

“In many cases, our guidelines in areas like record-keeping, employee training, ingredient-purchasing, feed-manufacturing, traceability and facility management exceed federal regulations,” says McLean, “By complying with Safe Feed/Safe Food, we know we are going the extra mile to ensure the safety of our product.

About SF/SF

The Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program is a voluntary, independently certified program designed for the total feed industry. The Safe Feed/Safe Food program establishes comprehensive standards of excellence that go beyond existing regulations to maximize food and feed safety. Excelling at every aspect of feed production is “Our Responsibility, Our Promise” to regulators, customers and American consumers. For more information, visit www.safefeedsafefood.org.

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About AFIA

AFIA, based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. Founded in 1909, AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

The feed industry makes a major contribution to food safety, nutrition and the environment, and it plays a critical role in the production of healthy, wholesome meat, milk, fish and eggs and pets. More than 70 percent of the feed in the United States is manufactured by AFIA members.

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