

USA COMMENTS
Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission
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CHAPTER 6.3

CONTROL OF HAZARDS OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPORTANCE IN
ANIMAL FEED

Language as proposed by the OIE:

Article 6.3.3

Definitions

Contamination: means the unwanted presence of a material, infectious agent or product in a feed or feed ingredient that is potentially harmful to animal or public health or restricted under current regulations.

Suggested language:

Definitions

Contamination Undesirable substances : means the unwanted presence of a material, infectious agent, contaminant, pathogenic agent, or product in a feed or feed ingredient that is potentially harmful to animal or public health or restricted under current regulations.

Rationale: The use of the term “undesirable substances” is the term already adopted by the *Codex Alimentarius Commission* in its Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding (CAC/RCP 54-2004). The definition includes ‘contaminants and other substances’. The suggested changes are provided for consistency with existing *CAC* terminology. While the overall chapter is consistent with the Codex document entitled “Code of Good Animal Feeding”, the United States strongly supports and encourages the OIE to adopt already accepted definitions to prevent having conflicting versions for those users of the Code that process animal feeds.