

**25.33 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** When used in sections 25.31 to 25.43, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1996 c 310 s 1]

Subd. 3. **Distribute.** "Distribute" means to offer for sale, sell, exchange, or barter, commercial feed; or to supply, furnish, or otherwise provide commercial feed to a contract feeder.

Subd. 4. **Distributor.** "Distributor" means any person who distributes commercial feed in this state.

Subd. 5. **Commercial feed.** "Commercial feed" means materials or combinations of materials that are distributed or intended to be distributed for use as feed or for mixing in feed, including feed for aquatic animals, unless the materials are specifically exempted. Unmixed whole seeds and physically altered entire unmixed seeds, if the whole or physically altered seeds are not chemically changed or are not adulterated within the meaning of section 25.37, paragraph (a), are exempt. The commissioner by rule may exempt from this definition, or from specific provisions of sections 25.31 to 25.43, commodities such as hay, straw, stover, silage, cobs, husks, hulls, and individual chemical compounds or substances if those commodities, compounds, or substances are not intermixed with other materials, and are not adulterated within the meaning of section 25.37, paragraph (a).

Subd. 6. **Feed ingredient.** "Feed ingredient" means each of the constituent materials making up a commercial feed.

Subd. 7. **Mineral feed.** "Mineral feed" means a commercial feed intended to supply primarily mineral elements or inorganic nutrients.

Subd. 8. **Drug.** "Drug" means any article intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in animals other than humans and articles other than feed intended to affect the structure or any function of the animal body.

Subd. 9. **Customer formula feed.** "Customer formula feed" means commercial feed which consists of a mixture of commercial feeds or feed ingredients or both, each batch of which is manufactured according to the specific instructions of the final purchaser.

Subd. 10. **Manufacture.** "Manufacture" means to grind, mix or blend, or further process a commercial feed for distribution.

Subd. 11. **Brand name.** "Brand name" means any word, name, symbol, or device, or any combination thereof, identifying the commercial feed of a distributor or license holder and distinguishing it from that of others.

Subd. 12. **Product name.** "Product name" means the name of the commercial feed which identifies it as to kind, class, or specific use.

Subd. 13. **Label.** "Label" means a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon or affixed to the container in which a commercial feed is distributed, or on the invoice or delivery slip with which a commercial feed is distributed.

Subd. 14. **Labeling.** "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed, or graphic matter upon a commercial feed or any of its containers or wrapper or accompanying or supporting such commercial feed.

Subd. 15. **Ton.** "Ton" means a net weight of 2,000 pounds avoirdupois.

Subd. 16. **Percent; percentages.** "Percent" or "percentages" means percentages by weights.

Subd. 17. **Official sample.** "Official sample" means a sample of feed taken by the commissioner or the commissioner's agent in accordance with the provisions of section 25.41, subdivision 3, 5, or 6.

Subd. 18. **Contract feeder.** "Contract feeder" means a person who as an independent contractor, feeds commercial feed to animals, pursuant to a contract whereby such commercial feed is supplied, furnished, or otherwise provided to such person and whereby such person's remuneration is determined all or in part by feed consumption, mortality, profits, or amount or quality of product.

Subd. 19. **Pet food.** "Pet food" means any commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by pets.

Subd. 20. **Pet.** "Pet" means a domesticated dog or cat normally maintained in or near the household of its owner.

Subd. 21. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or a designated representative.

Subd. 22. **Specialty pet.** "Specialty pet" means a domesticated animal normally maintained in a cage or tank, including, but not limited to, a gerbil, hamster, canary, psittacine bird, mynah, finch, tropical fish, goldfish, snake, or turtle. "Specialty pet" does not include a dog, cat, horse, rabbit, or wild bird.

Subd. 23. **Specialty pet food.** "Specialty pet food" means commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by specialty pets.

Subd. 24. **Quantity statement.** "Quantity statement" means a statement of the net weight (mass), net volume (liquid or dry), count, or other form of measurement.

**History:** *1971 c 433 s 3; 1980 c 509 s 7,8; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1991 c 309 s 12; 1997 c 216 s 37-45; 2006 c 203 s 1*