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# *Notice to Industry*

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## **AMENDMENT TO THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS REGULATIONS RESPECTING EDIBLE RESIDUAL MATERIAL**

**OTTAWA**, February 20, 2008 - Under amendments to the *Health of Animals Regulations*, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will no longer issue permits for the use of edible residual material (ERM) as feed.

ERM is edible material that remains after, or is not used in, the processing, manufacture, preparation, serving or sale of food.

The removal of the ERM permit provision from the *Health of Animals Regulations* has been replaced with a clear prohibition on the feeding of meat and meat by-products not listed in the *Feeds Regulations*.

The CFIA has not issued ERM permits for meat and meat by-products since 2001 due to heightened risks to food safety, animal health and industry stability. The amendments prohibit the use of meat-based feed ingredients including ERM, unless they have been approved under the *Feeds Regulations*.

The CFIA has consulted with major industry organizations and provincial animal health authorities in the development of the changes.

The changes were proposed in *Canada Gazette, Part I*, on June 16, 2007 for a public comment period which concluded on July 16, 2007. The full details of the regulatory amendments have been published in the *Canada Gazette Part II*, which can be found online at: <http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca>.

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