Registration and Inspection Fees

- **There is a $2.00 registration fee per product, submitted with the initial application.**

- **For products sold in packages less than 10lbs. there is an annual $25.00 inspection fee.**

- **Products sold in package greater than 10lbs are subject to tonnage fees at a rate of $0.15 per ton.**

- **Products sold in packages both under and over 10lbs are subject to both the $25.00 inspection fee and the tonnage fee at $0.15 per ton.**

Important Dates

- **Registrations are to be renewed annually, expiring December 31.**

- **Tonnage fees are due the last day of January, April, July and October for the preceding quarter.**

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What is a Commercial Feed?

A commercial feed is defined in the New Mexico Commercial Feed Law (NMCFL) Section 76-19-3 E as “all materials which are distributed for use as feed or for mixing in feed for animals other than man”. Any material consumed by an animal (other than man) that contributes energy and/or nutrients to the animal’s diet is considered a feed.

All commercial feeds, which include pet foods and specialty pet foods, shall be registered before being distributed in the state of New Mexico.

4 Easy Steps to Product Registration

**Step 1: Develop your formulation**

All ingredients must be defined by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), be a common or usual feed ingredient or Generally Recognized as Safe.

**Step 2: Send feed sample to a lab for a guaranteed analysis (GA).**

For laboratory information please refer to:
http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/laboratories/state-chemist-lab/
http://www.petfood.aafco.org/LaboratoriesAnalysis.aspx

**Step 3: Develop product label according to regulatory standards**

For detailed information on label design and requirements, refer to the Pet Food Labeling Guide:

& AAFCO’s “The Business of Pet Food” website:
http://petfood.aafco.org/

**Step 4: Fill out and submit the New Mexico Department of Agriculture’s Application for Registration of Commercial Feeds**

The application for registration can be found at:

Pet Food Labels: Development Guidelines

The following list outlines the information that must be contained in pet food labels registered in New Mexico. Items with an * are optional but may be required in other states.

1. Brand Name and Product Name
2. Species of Pet the Product is Intended for *
3. Quantity Statement
   - Net weight (mass), Net volume (liquid) or count.
   - Standard units (with metric units in parenthesis)
   Example: Net weight 50 lbs (22.68 kg)
4. Guaranteed Analysis
   - Crude Protein (minimum)........... ___%
   - Crude Fat (minimum) .............. ___%
   - Crude Fiber (maximum) ........... ___%
   - Moisture (maximum)............... ___% *
   - Additional guarantees based on product type, labeling claims or other voluntary guarantees.
5. Ingredients
   - List of all ingredients using AAFCO defined terminology.
6. A Statement of Nutritional Adequacy
   - Required on complete & balanced pet foods
7. Feeding Directions (if required)
8. Name and Address of the Manufacturer or Distributor
   - Name of business, street address, city state and zip code.