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POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Number: FSCS-AF-25-0001

Title: Pet Food Label Modernization Enforcement Discretion.

Supersedes: Not applicable.

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On June 6, 2025, the Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA) signed a policy statement regarding the delayed enforcement and regulatory discretion of pet food label modernization (PFLM) changes as captured in chapter 16-252 WAC, Commercial feed—Pet food and specialty pet food, rules. Extensive changes are required, and this will give businesses adequate time to come into compliance with the new rules. This policy action is in alignment with recommendations by the Association of American Feed Control Officials and National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Therefore, WSDA will delay enforcement of PFLM requirements until July 1, 2030.

A copy of the policy statement may be obtained by accessing our website or by contacting Gloriann Robinson, Rules Coordinator, 1111 Washington Street S.E., P.O. Box 42560, Olympia, WA 98504-2560, phone 360-902-1802, email wsdarulescomments@agr.wa.gov.