



Hemp and Animal Feed Industry Guidance

Important References:

State Hemp Program Section [581.217, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#)

Commercial Feed and Feedstuff Chapter [580, F.S.](#)

Feed Rule Chapter [5E-3, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C\)](#)

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Feed-Distributor-Licensing>

Registration:

- Pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treat products containing or consisting of Hemp Extract distributed in the state of Florida must be in compliance with Chapter 580, F.S., Section 581.217, F.S. and Rule Chapter 5E-3, F.A.C., as outlined herein:

Paragraph 581.217(3)(e), F.S. The term “Hemp extract” means a substance or compound intended for ingestion that is derived from or contains hemp and that does not contain other controlled substances.

Paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(n), F.A.C. The term “pet food” means any commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats.

Paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(o), F.A.C. The term “pet treats” means any treat as defined in paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(i), F.A.C., prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats.

Paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(p), F.A.C. The term “specialty pet” means any animal normally maintained in a household, including, rodents, ornamental birds, ornamental fish, reptiles and amphibians, ferrets, hedgehogs, marsupials, and rabbits not raised for food or fur.

Paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(q), F.A.C. The term “specialty pet food” means any commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by specialty pets.

Paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(r), F.A.C. The term “specialty pet treats” means any treat as defined in paragraph 5E-3.003(1)(i), F.A.C., prepared and distributed for consumption by specialty pets.

- Pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treat products cannot contain more than 0.3% total delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration on a dry weight basis.
- Pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treat products may contain Hemp extract provided the product is not a drug as defined in Section 580.031(9), F.S.
- Distributors of these products must have a Feed Master Registration. Distributor means any person who distributes commercial feed or feedstuff. It **does not include** persons who sell brand name feed at retail on behalf of a registrant who manufactures such feed. To apply please visit the [Feed Licensing and Regulatory Website](#).

Labels:

- Section 580.051 F.S. requires that any commercial feed distributed in the State, must be accompanied by a legible label bearing all of the information below:
 1. Name and principal address of the company
 2. Brand name and product name (if any)
 3. Guaranteed Analysis (minimum percentage of crude protein, minimum percentage of crude fat, and maximum percentage of crude fiber)
 4. List of ingredients in descending order by their predominance of weight in formulation
 5. Net weight or quantity
- In addition to the labeling requirements specified in Section 580.051 F.S., pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treats that consist of or contain hemp extract must comply with the following requirements of Section 581.217(7), F.S, and Rule Chapter 5E-3.005, F.A.C.

581.217 (7) DISTRIBUTION AND RETAIL SALE OF HEMP EXTRACT.—Hemp extract may only be distributed and sold in the state if the product:

- (a) Has a certificate of analysis prepared by an independent testing laboratory that states:
 1. The hemp extract is the product of a batch tested by the independent testing laboratory;
 2. The batch contained a total delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that did not exceed 0.3 percent on a dry-weight basis pursuant to the testing of a random sample of the batch; and
 3. The batch does not contain contaminants unsafe for human consumption.
- (b) Is distributed or sold in packaging that includes:
 1. A scannable barcode or quick response code linked to the certificate of analysis of the hemp extract by an independent testing laboratory;
 2. The batch number;
 3. The Internet address of a website where batch information may be obtained;
 4. The expiration date;
 5. The number of milligrams of hemp extract; and
 6. A statement that the product contains a total delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration that does not exceed 0.3 percent on a dry-weight basis.

5E-3.005 Labels.

(4) Pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treats consisting of or containing Hemp extract must be labeled as required in Section 581.217(7), F.S, and must declare the number of milligrams of Hemp extract.

(5) If specific cannabinoids are claimed, the number of milligrams of each cannabinoid per serving must be declared on the label. The serving size shall be displayed on the label of the product.

(6) The label and labeling for pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treats consisting of or containing Hemp extract shall not contain claims indicating the product is intended for diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease rendering it a drug as defined by Section 580.031(9), F.S.

(7) Pet food, pet treats, specialty pet food and specialty pet treats consisting of or containing Hemp extract shall be labeled “Not for human consumption.”

For questions related to Hemp and animal feed, please contact the Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement at 850-617-7866.