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Testing for Solids-Mixing Equipment for Animal Feeds ASABE Standard Revision Complete

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN—The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has completed a revision to the standard for testing solids-mixing equipment for animal feeds. This animal feed mixer test standard provides a means to ultimately ensure the quality of animal feed mixtures.

The use of salt (sodium chloride), the tracer primarily referenced in the previous standard, had limitations in validating mixer performance, particularly in validating the mixing of microingredient (drug) feed additions and in validating “augmentation” or cross-contamination control procedures. The revised standard, ASAE S303.4 SEP2007, Test Procedure for Solids-Mixing Equipment for Animal Feeds, specifically references the use of colored iron particles or colored iron powder to use as tracers in these situations. This revision allows US and Canadian feed manufacturers to satisfy both domestic regulatory and non-regulatory testing requirements while also satisfying requirements of trading partners in Europe.

A copy of the document can be ordered by contacting ASABE headquarters directly at: martin@asabe.org. ASABE members and those with site-license privileges to the ASABE online Technical Library, at www.asabe.org, can obtain an electronic copy of the standard in about 6 weeks.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 225 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at ASABE, 269-429-0300, cedarq@asabe.org.

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