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CHAPTER 7-17-01
DEFINITIONS

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7-17-01-01. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context requires otherwise, means:

1. "AAFCO" means the association of American feed control officials.
2. "All life stages" means gestation/lactation, growth, and adult maintenance life stages for dogs, cats, and other mammals (including breeding animals) or adult and juvenile life stages for nonmammalian species.
3. "Daily food" means a specialty pet food product, other than a treat, food mixer or food supplement, for specialty pet species with no recognized nutritional authority.
4. "Familiar household unit" means a typical feeding unit in volume or count (e.g., can, measuring cup, treat, or piece).
5. "Family" means a group of products, which are nutritionally adequate for any or all life stages based on their nutritional similarity to a lead product, which has been successfully test-fed according to an association of American feed control officials feeding protocol.
6. "Food mixer" means a pet or specialty pet food product that is intended to top, accompany, or contribute to a complete diet but is generally not intended to be a complete diet.
7. "Food supplement" means a pet or specialty pet food product that is intended to supply specific nutrients or other food components but is not a complete diet.
8. "Immediate container" means the unit, can, box, tin, bag, or other receptacle or covering in which a pet food or specialty pet food is displayed for sale to retail purchasers, but does not include containers used as shipping containers.
9. "Ingredient statement" means a collective and contiguous listing on the label of the ingredients of which the pet food or specialty pet food is composed.

10. "Pet nutrition facts" means a graphic box located on the label containing nutritional information for a pet food product.
11. "Principal display panel" means the part of a label that is most likely to be displayed, presented, shown, or examined under normal and customary conditions of display for retail sale.
12. "Specialty pet nutrition facts" means a graphic box located on the label containing nutritional information for a specialty pet food product.
13. "Veterinary diet" means a pet or specialty pet food product that is intended to be used under veterinary supervision only.

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