

200A.12 Enforcement.

In enforcing this chapter the department may do any of the following:

1. *a.* Take disciplinary action concerning a registration of a bulk dry animal nutrient product as provided in section 200A.6 or the license of a person distributing a bulk product as provided in section 200A.5. The department may do any of the following:

(1) Cancel the registration or deny an application for registration.

(2) Suspend or terminate the license or deny an application for a license.

b. The disciplinary action must be based upon evidence satisfactory to the department that the registrant, licensee, or applicant has used fraudulent or deceptive practices in violation of this chapter or has willfully disregarded the requirements of this chapter.

2. Issue and enforce a “stop sale, use, or removal” order against the owner or distributor of any lot of a bulk product.

a. The order may require that the bulk product be held at a designated place until released by the department.

b. The department shall release the bulk product pursuant to a release order upon satisfaction that legal issues compelling the issuance of the “stop sale, use, or removal order” have been resolved and all expenses incurred by the department in connection with the bulk product’s removal have been paid to the department.

3. Seize and dispose of any lot of a bulk product which is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter upon petition to the district court in the county or adjoining county in which the bulk product is located.

a. If the court finds that the bulk product is in violation of this chapter, the court may order the condemnation of the bulk product. However, the court shall not order the seizure and disposition of a bulk product without first providing the owner of the bulk product with an opportunity to apply to the court for release of the bulk product, consent to reprocess the bulk product, or consent to amend a legal record to accurately describe the composition of the bulk product, including a distribution statement as provided in section 200A.7.

b. The department shall, as provided in the court order, dispose of the bulk product in a manner consistent with the quality of the bulk product and the laws of this state.

4. Apply to the district court in the county where a violation of this chapter occurs for a temporary or permanent injunction restraining a person from violating or continuing to violate this chapter, notwithstanding the existence of other remedies at law. The injunction shall be issued without a bond.

5. This section does not require the department to institute a proceeding for a minor violation if the department concludes that the public interest will be best served by a suitable written warning.

98 Acts, ch 1145, §12