

With the passage of S102, two types of additional products will be registered with and regulated by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food and Markets. These two products are similar to products that are already regulated by VAAFAM and will fall under the umbrella of Feed or Fertilizer. Both types of products can be found for sale in your local feed/garden store and are readily available for purchase via the Internet and are increasing in popularity.

The first type of product would fall under the Fertilizer umbrella and is used in the garden by consumers and commercially on farms. This type of product encompasses plant biostimulants, soil amendments and plant amendments. They are not fertilizers or pesticides and therefore their main purpose is not to provide nutrition or pest protection. Rather they help the plant process the nutrients or make the soil more amenable for growing. Examples of these products are products that change the pH of the soil, improve drainage, aid in germination or root formation, etc. Products might contain humic acids, worm castings, peat, biochar, compost, vitamins, enzymes, kelp, microbes, amino acids, fungi etc.

The second type of product falls under the Feed Umbrella and aids in the wellbeing of domestic animals. These products generally do not have a guaranteed analysis for protein, fat and fiber like feed products do and their sole purpose is **not** to provide nutrition. Rather these products enhance the well-being of the animal. Examples of these products are products that promote relaxation, help maintain bone and joint health, help support the removal of hairballs, support the urinary tract, etc. (key words here are support, help, maintain, promote etc.). These products are **not** drugs. Products might contain herbs (chamomile, wormwood, borage, St. John's Wort), roots (yucca, wild yam root, ginseng), leaves (gingko, dandelion, green tea, lemon balm), vitamins, minerals, enzymes, amino acids, bacteria, and other substances such as aloe vera gel, oils, seeds, bark and mushrooms.