During the 1936 meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of drawing up a model law for the control of the manufacture, distribution and sale of legume inoculants. It was also suggested that this committee should list the essential features of such a law if it did not desire to attempt the complete drafting of a law.

The first opportunity for discussion of this question came at the Indianapolis meetings of the Society of American Bacteriologists, at which time a breakfast meeting of this committee was held. At this meeting the advisability of drafting a model law was considered in some detail, but it was decided that, for several reasons, such a step should not be taken. However, it was agreed that a suitable law should contain certain definite provisions. These provisions were worked out by Professor Batchelor and Dr. Thorne and have been considered in detail. It is the opinion of the committee that a law designed to control the manufacture, distribution and sale of legume inoculants should include the following features:

1. A specific definition or definitions of:
   a. The term "culture" and "inoculant"
   b. The term "brand" if the law is concerned with the control of cultures on the basis of brands of cultures

2. Statements regarding the general (not the specific) conditions under which the licenses will be issued and revoked.

3. Statements regarding the specifications for acceptable labels which may include:
   a. Purpose for which the culture is intended
   b. Quantity of seed of area of soil for which the culture is intended
   c. The date beyond which the contents of the culture cannot be expected beyond reasonable doubt to yield their specific results
   d. The name and address of the manufacturer

4. Statements providing for the official inspection of factories within the state and for the examination of samples of cultures.

5. Statements providing for penalty for evasion or violation of the law.

6. An enabling section.

Each state desiring to draw up a law could incorporate these provisions in their specific act, and insert others needed to fit the demands peculiar to their specific situation.

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