

Trader Notice 11/2011

10th October, 2011.

To: Each Importer of Feed Materials,
Irish Grain and Feed Association



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**Talmhaíochta,
Iascaigh agus Bia**
Department of
**Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food**

EU Regulation 183/2005 laying down the requirements for Feed Hygiene and The European Communities Food and Feed Hygiene Regulations of 2009 (SI 432 of 2009)

Dear Sir/Madam

As a registered/approved Feed Business Operator you are reminded that EU legislation places primary responsibility for feed safety with the feed business operator. Registration obliges you to have in place, a quality control plan and permanent written procedures based on HACCP principles to ensure compliance with Annex II of EC Regulation 183/2005.

You may be aware of recent contamination incidents within the EU including the UK and Ireland involving Arsenic in Palm Kernel Expeller imported from South East Asia. In accordance with the requirements of the Feed Hygiene Regulations, as an importer you must only source feed materials from reliable suppliers. Your own HACCP based controls must ensure that measures including sourcing, and testing are taken to minimise the possibility of contaminated palm kernel expeller, or indeed any feed material, entering the feed chain. You are advised that if you propose to import Palm Kernel Expeller or Meal, you should, for the foreseeable future, comply with the following procedures:

- (1) Notify the Department by email to feedimports@agriculture.gov.ie of all imports, at least 5 days prior to the arrival of the consignment,
- (2) Arrange sufficient human resources and logistics to facilitate the unloading of the consignment in order for the official controls to be carried out effectively and safely,
- (3) Refrain from splitting the consignments until all of the official controls have been carried out at the port of entry.
- (4) Hold consignments of palm kernel expeller or meal until the results of arsenic analysis are available.

You are reminded that sampling and testing by this Department are not a substitute for your own controls.

Yours sincerely,

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