



Trader Notice 06/2011

To: Grain Intake Depot
Manufacturers of Feed Materials
Suppliers of By-Products
Food Recyclers
Irish Grain and Feed Association

1st April 2011

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)

Further reminder on requirements for drying grain / feed.

Follow-up on Trader Notice 11 of 2010.

Dear Sir/Madam

As a registered Feed Business Operator you are reminded that EU legislation places primary responsibility for feed safety with the feed business operator.

Such registration obliges your company to *inter alia* ensure that the production, storage facility and equipment used for drying must be designed and maintained to suit the feed business activity carried on within the premises and ensure the safety and quality of feed produced.

As part of this process you must 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.

If your feed business activity involves a drying process you must ensure that

- (i) the drying of feed / grain is included in your HACCP Plan. The HACCP Plan must assess and address all potential hazards associated with the drying process,
- (ii) the grade of fuel used to generate heat for the drying of grain or other feed is clearly identified in your HACCP based procedures and must be fit for the intended use. Consequently, only the following grades and **standards** of fuels should be used: *Marked Diesel (IS 251 / EN 590); Gas Oil (IS 251 or BS 2869 Class A2, D); Kerosene (BS 2869 Class C1, C2); Gas (BS 4250); or natural gas that is supplied from the natural gas network.* These fuels must meet the appliance manufacturer's standards to ensure that proper combustion takes place. These fuels may include Biofuels that comply with EU standard EN14214/2008.

- (iii) the fuels do not contain components or additives other than those provided for within the above standards or in national legislation e.g. marker dye for green diesel, and
- (iv) in the case of each fuel delivery, the grade of fuel is clearly stated on the delivery document.

The fuel merchant should confirm that the fuel being supplied to you meets all of the above requirements by completing the attached form (Annex 1). If fuel is sourced from a number of different suppliers, the form at Annex 1 must be completed by each supplier. These records should be held by you for a period of at least twelve months.

You should also ensure that the drying equipment used is designed and maintained to a standard that guarantees the safety and quality of the feed produced. The equipment must be serviced at least once a year by a qualified person, and a receipt for each maintenance service should be obtained and retained for at least twelve months;

You are again reminded to ensure compliance with the provisions of EU and national feed hygiene legislation.

Please note that failure to put HACCP based procedures in place for feed drying and implement such procedures is an offence under the Feed Hygiene Regulations.

Yours sincerely



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ANNEX I

Confirmation of quality of fuel supplied

From: Name: _____ (Oil Supplier)

Address: _____

To: Name: _____ (Feed Dryer/Farmer - in case of fuel user,
Oil supplier - in case of intermediate supplier)

Address _____

I/we hereby confirm, **on the basis of assurances I/we have received from my/our supplier(s) and on the basis of my/our own controls, that**

- 1) the fuel I/we will supply is included in the following list of acceptable grades and standards of fuels;
 - a) *Marked Diesel (IS 251 / EN 590);*
 - b) *Gas Oil (IS 251 or BS 2869 Class A2, D,)*
 - c) *Kerosene (BS 2869 Class C1, C2);*
 - d) *Gas (BS 4250); or*
 - e) *Natural gas that is supplied from the natural gas network .*
- 2) if the fuel contains biofuels, such biofuels will conform to EU standard EN14214/2008;
- 3) the fuel will not contain components or, additives other than those provided for within the above standards or in national legislation (e.g. marker dye for green diesel);
- 4) in the case of each fuel delivery the grade and standard of fuel will be clearly stated on the delivery docket,

The period for this agreement is from _____ (date) to _____ (date).
Maximum period of one year.

Signed: _____
Fuel Supplier

Position: _____

Name: (Print) _____

Date: _____

Company Stamp