



Trader Notice No. 06/2012

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European Communities Food and Feed Hygiene Regulations 2009
(S.I. No. 432 of 2009 as amended)

RE: Sourcing of Feed and Feed Traceability

To: Manufacturers of Compound Feed
 Manufacturers of Mineral Mixtures
 Manufacturers of Nutritional Supplements
 Manufacturers of Premixtures
 Food Recyclers
 Feed Importers
 Retailers and Wholesalers
 Irish Grain and Feed Association

The EU Feed Hygiene Regulations (Regulation (EC) No 183/2005) lay down the requirements that must be met by all operators involved in the manufacture, import, distribution, supply or use of animal feed.

- (a) The EU Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) conducted an audit of DAFM's feedingstuff's controls in May 2012. As part of the audit, the mission team audited a range of feed business operators (FBOs) and identified a number of practices where FBO controls were considered inadequate with regard to the control of certain risks in the food chain. Therefore, DAFM is reminding you to review and, where necessary, amend your HACCP based procedures to ensure the following issues are fully addressed: **Sourcing of feed** (i.e. feed materials, feed additives, premixtures of feed additives and compound feeds):
- (i) Feeds must be sourced from FBOs which are registered or approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 183/2005.
 - (ii) Your business must have procedures in place for selecting suppliers e.g. audit of suppliers or questionnaire for completion by suppliers.
 - (iii) You should maintain an up-to-date list of your approved suppliers including their EU registration/approval number.
 - (iv) Monitoring for undesirable substances should be based on a risk assessment of feed materials, feed additives and premixtures sourced by your business. A product specification agreed with the supplier(s) should include parameters to ensure the safety of the feed e.g. maximum levels for undesirable substances, particularly those which are regarded as 'high risk' for the particular feed concerned.
 - (v) Your intake procedures must include checks to verify that feed materials, premixtures and, feed additives are labelled in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 and Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, respectively.
 - (vi) Feed must be clearly labelled as such on the packaging or, in the case of bulk material, the accompanying documents.
 - (vii) Your approved supplier list and product specifications should be reviewed regularly – at least annually. As Directive 2002/32/EC on undesirable substances and products in feed is amended regularly, it should be reviewed accordingly and, where necessary, product specifications revised to take account of changes in maximum permitted levels for contaminants.

- (b) Controls must be in place for the **traceability** of feed from intake, through production and dispatch. Such control must also ensure that all product including product for rework, returns, flush material and product for disposal are labelled at all times to avoid loss of traceability or its incorrect use.
- (c) Internal audits must be carried out as part of your HACCP **verification**. These should include exercises to verify that procedures in place for the supply of product and for traceability are implemented fully and are effective.

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Yours Sincerely



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