



Trader Notice No 02/2012

Each Feed Manufacturer
Each Feed Importer
Irish Grain and Feed Association

For the attention of the Chief Executive

5th March 2012

Commission Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed, amending European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 and repealing Council Directive 79/373/EEC, Commission Directive 80/511/EEC, Council Directives 82/471/EEC, 83/228/EEC, 93/74/EEC, 93/113/EC and 96/25/EC and Commission Decision 2004/217/EC

I refer to previous communications on the introduction and implementation of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 which was published in the Official Journal on 13 July 2009 and applied from **01 September 2010**.

Department inspectors held workshops on feed labelling in 2011 to assist manufacturers of compound feed for food producing animals with queries arising from their experience in introducing the new system. The enclosed Q&A document summarises the main queries from the workshops. A sample of revised labels with comments are also enclosed which outline the main changes to labelling. **These documents are provided for guidance. Feed Business Operators should refer to the above legislation for the legal text.**

You will note that the Regulation requires the added amount of certain feed additives to be declared (Annex VI/VII Chapter 1). In the case of trace elements, this is the added amount of the feed additive i.e. compound of the trace element. The quantity of the trace element can be included on a voluntary basis. This Department and Competent Authorities in several other Member States are in communication with the EU Commission requesting a change in the legislation as regards the compulsory declaration of the trace element. **Until such time as the Regulation is revised, trace elements must be declared according to the provisions in Annexes VI and VII i.e. by the content of the additive (compound of trace element).**

Further information:

Further information can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/agri-foodindustry/feedingstuffs/>. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr Bridget Cummins at 01/5058763 or bridget.cummins@agriculture.gov.ie if you have any queries.

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