



**Trader Notice No. 03/2012**

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

To: Each Importer of Feed  
Each Feed Manufacturer  
Each Haulier of Feed  
Each Retailer / Intermediary  
Each Storekeeper of Feed  
Each Grain Intake  
Renderers supplying animal fat as feed material,  
Irish Grain and Feed Association

**Commission Regulation (EC) No 225/2012**

**amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the approval of establishments placing on the market, for feed use, products derived from vegetable oils and blended fats and as regards the specific requirements for production, storage, transport and dioxin testing of oils, fats and products derived thereof**

The EU Commission has adopted new measures for the control of feed oils in response to the dioxin incident in Germany in early 2011. The measures will provide for better and more harmonised control over critical points in the feed supply chain. The measures are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 225/2012 (copy attached). The Regulation shall apply from 16 September 2012.

The Regulation includes the following measures:

- a) Feed Business Operators (FBO's) processing crude vegetable oils, manufacturing products derived from oils of vegetable origin and blending fats, will have to be approved by DAFM. This does not include FBO's producing vegetable oils by simple mechanical processes such as crushing;
- b) Fats intended for feed and food must be strictly segregated, during their production and transport, from fats intended for technical use, for example in the chemical industry;
- c) The labelling of the products must explicitly state their intended use. This provision is to prevent non-feed products entering the food chain;
- d) Mandatory minimum testing for dioxin depending on feed oil /fat is specified, depending on the risk inherent to the products;
- e) It should be noted that where a FBO proves that a batch of a product or all components of a batch entering the FBO's operation has already been analysed at an earlier stage of production, processing or distribution, the FBO shall be released from the obligation to analyse this batch for dioxin.
- f) The measures set out in the Regulation are not a substitute for an FBO's HACCP based controls. The FBO should continue to carry out dioxin analysis according to the general HACCP principles.
- g) All laboratories are obliged to directly notify the competent authorities of any excessive findings of dioxin.

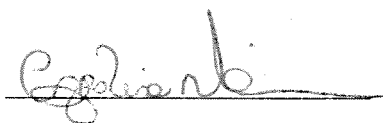
Failure to comply with the requirements set out in the Regulation will be regarded as a breach of SI 432 of 2009.

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Yours sincerely

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