



Trader Notice No. 05/2012

To : Manufactures of Feed Materials from Surplus Food
Suppliers of Surplus Food
Suppliers of By-Products
Irish Grain and Feed Association

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

**RE: SUPPLY OR DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS FOOD / FEED BY-PRODUCTS AS FEED
MATERIALS FOR FOOD PRODUCING ANIMALS**

The EU Feed Hygiene Regulations (Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) lay down the requirements that must be met by all operators involved in the manufacture, distribution, supply or use of animal feed. All operators involved in animal feed activities must inform themselves of their obligations under feedingstuffs legislation and be registered as a Feed Business Operator (FBO) with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in respect of each premises where such activities are carried out.

The supply of surplus/former foodstuffs of non-animal origin (e.g. unused bread, chocolate, dairy products, confectionary, vegetables, etc.) to food recycling plants and directly to farms is a small, but increasingly significant source of animal feed.

Following inspections conducted by this Department, it is evident that controls at some premises must be improved to ensure that dispatches of surplus/former foodstuffs do not contain items prohibited for use as animal feed such as meat products and packaging (unless de-packed subsequently). You are therefore reminded that if your premises intends to continue supplying surplus/former food for use as animal feed, dedicated containers, clearly labelled '**For Animal Feed Only**' must be used for such product and **you must also ensure that unsuitable material is not placed in containers destined for animal feed**. Your HACCP based procedures should therefore be amended accordingly.

If you require further information on this, contact Niamh O'Reilly/Caroline Nevin, Crop Production and Safety Division on 01-5058811/5058812 or niamh.oreilly@agriculture.gov.ie or caroline.nevin@agriculture.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely

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