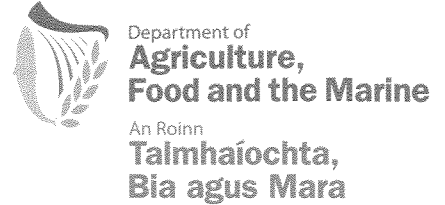


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European Communities Food and Feed Hygiene Regulations 2009

(S.I. No. 432 of 2009 as amended)

RE: Transport of feed with coccidiostats or medicines

To: Hauliers of Compound Feed
Irish Grain and Feed Association

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, import, distribution, supply or use of animal feed.

The EU Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) carried out an audit of DAFM's Feedingstuff's controls in May 2012. As part of the audit, the mission team visited a range of feed business operators (FBOs) including feed hauliers and feed manufacturers and examined the implementation of procedures in place to minimise cross-contamination with coccidiostats. Directive 2002/32/EC sets out the maximum permitted levels (MPLs) for the presence of coccidiostats in feed for non-target species. As there are no MPLs for cross-contamination with medicines, cross-contamination must be prevented.

You are reminded that your HACCP-based procedures for transporting compound feed containing coccidiostats or medicines must include the following measures to minimise cross-contamination with coccidiostats and avoid cross-contamination with medicines:

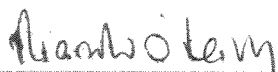
- (i) Feed containing medication should always be placed in the forward-most compartments of trailers with non-medicated and non-coccidiostat feed to the rear. This should avoid cross-contamination during transport and unloading.
- (ii) Avoid overloading to prevent spillage into adjacent compartments. After delivery of medicated feed or feed containing coccidiostats, the trailer compartment(s) must be cleaned effectively to remove any residues. Such procedures should also ensure that the 'blower' units are cleaned.
- (iii) The Code of Practice agreed with the compound feed manufacturer should include clear instructions regarding the transport of medicated feed and feed containing coccidiostats and the subsequent cleaning of the trailers.

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