

Trader Notice No 03/2013

To : Manufacturers of Compound Feed,
Manufacturers of Mineral Mixtures,
Manufacturers of Nutritional Supplements,
Manufacturers of Feed Materials,
Food Recyclers,
Feed Importers,
Irish Grain and Feed Association.

For the attention of the Chief Executive

14th June 2013

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 on feed marketing which was published in the Official Journal on 13 July 2009 and applied from **01 September 2010**.

While good progress has been made by feed business operators in implementing this Regulation, there are still a number of outstanding issues that need to be addressed to ensure compliance with this legislation. **Therefore, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is reminding you to review and, where necessary, amend feed labels, delivery dockets and other marketing material* to ensure compliance with the legislation and in particular as regards the following:**

- (a) Declaration of feed material names: Where possible, the names of feed materials declared on the labels of feed materials, compound feeds and complementary mineral feeds should be in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 68/2013 on the Catalogue of Feed Materials. This Regulation has replaced the previous version of the Catalogue of Feed Materials set out in Regulation (EC) No 575/2011. Regulation (EC) No 68/2013 contains new entries with respect to feed materials, treatment processes and improvements of existing entries, in particular for oil and fat derivatives. A copy of Regulation (EC) No 68/2013 is enclosed for your information.
- (b) Declaration of the added amount of compounds of trace elements: In cases where trace elements are added to compound feed and complementary mineral feeds, the Regulation requires that the added amount of the compound of trace element is declared rather than the added amount of the trace element. The quantity of the trace element can be included as an additional item on a voluntary basis.

(c) Claims: Any claim (e.g. health, reproductive etc.) present on a feed label and/or other marketing material must be objective, verifiable by DAFM and understandable by the user of the feed. If requested by DAFM, scientific substantiation of the claim must be provided by the person responsible for labelling. This substantiation must be available at the time the feed is placed on the market. A feed label must not claim that it will prevent, treat or cure a disease, except for coccidiostats and histomonostats. In addition, a feed label must not claim that it has a particular nutritional purpose unless it satisfies the requirements of Directive 2008/38/EC on dietetic feeds.

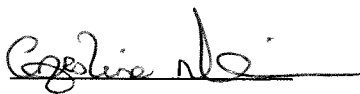
(d) Please be aware that feedingstuffs traded to other EU Member States must be in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 and Directive 2008/38/EC.

* Marketing material includes such media as company brochures, the internet, newspaper advertisements, etc.

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Yours Sincerely,



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