

**Trader Notice No. 01/2014**

4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

To: Importers of animal feed  
Storekeepers of animal feed (for information)  
Irish Grain and Feed Association

**Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene (S.I. No. 432 of 2009 as amended).**

**RE: Notification of Imports of Feedingstuffs  
(follow up to Trader Notice (TN) 04/2013 of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013)**

On 26 June 2013 the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) issued TN 04/2013 'Notification of Imports of Feedingstuffs' and a revised DAFM Import Notification Form (INF). Representations have been made to this Department to clarify some points in this TN:

- Imported animal feedingstuffs fall into two categories:
  - 1) Products produced or processed in third countries, hereafter referred to as 'Third country imports',
  - 2) Products produced or processed in another EU Member State, hereafter referred as 'EU imports'.
- In early 2013 DAFM undertook a review of its animal feedingstuffs imports notification system. During this review it was noted that, whilst Feed Business Operators (FBOs) in Ireland import a wide range of animal feedingstuffs, DAFMs original INF only referred to 'Feed Materials'. Therefore, the INF was revised to cover 12 main animal feedingstuffs categories to more accurately reflect the animal feedingstuffs being imported into Ireland.
- At the same time DAFM took the opportunity to request that, where appropriate, all notifications be identified on the INF as per the descriptions in Regulation (EU) 68/2013 'Catalogue of Feed Materials' or, as per the 'Community Register of Feed Additives' thus, standardising the data in notifications across all FBOs.
- Statutory Instrument (SI) No 432 of 2009 lays down the requirements that must be met by all operators involved in the import of animal feedingstuffs. To summarise, 'imports' must be notified at least 5 working days before the animal feed is brought into the State. Therefore the following applies:

- **Third country imports:** In SI 432 of 2009 there is a legislative requirement to notify imports of all animal feedingstuffs from third countries and therefore an INF must be completed for these products.
  
- **EU Imports\*:** While there is no requirement in SI 432 of 2009 to notify feed imports from other EU Member States, however, DAFM endeavours to maintain an accurate database of this category of imports so that it can be interrogated in the event of a serious feed incident. Also, the data is used by DAFM to conduct its risk assessment in the compilation of its annual official control plan. After consultation with the Irish Grain and Feed Association, it was agreed that the following categories of imports must be notified to DAFM:
  - a) Feed materials from the EU;
  - b) Compound feed containing fish meal and/or blood products from all EU Member States.

All data on animal feedingstuffs imports, whether third country or EU imports notified to DAFM, are subsequently made available to the Feed Trade. Therefore, DAFM endeavours to collect as much reliable information on all imports to ensure all parties are fully informed. This data is also invaluable in the event of a serious animal feedingstuffs incident.

If you require any further information please email [feedimports@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:feedimports@agriculture.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,



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\*DAFM would also like to advise FBOs that on 6 May 2013 the EU launched a draft revision of the official controls legislation (Regulation (EC) 882/2004). ([http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health\\_consumer/pressroom/animal-plant-health\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/pressroom/animal-plant-health_en.htm)) The draft regulation covers, *inter alia*, 'official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products...' and provides for the following " To the extent strictly necessary for the organisation of the official controls, Member States of destination may require operators who have animals or goods delivered to them from another Member State to report the arrival of such animals or goods."