



Trader Notice No. 03/2014

20th May, 2014

To : Manufacturers of Compound Feed
Manufacturers of Mineral Mixtures
Manufacturers of Nutritional Supplements
Manufacturers of Pre-mixtures
Feed Importers
Irish Grain and Feed Association

Re : Regulation 483/2014 on Protection Measures in relation to Porcine Diarrhoea

Commission Implementing Regulation No. 483/2014 introduces protection measures where spray dried blood and blood plasma of porcine animals is used as an ingredient for feed for piglets. It has been found that inappropriate heat treatment or contamination of the spray dried blood and blood plasma after heat treatment may lead to the spread of the deltacoronavirus virus in farmed porcine animals fed with animal feed containing such products.

Following scientific advice, the European Commission now requires that spray dried blood and blood plasma of porcine origin introduced from third countries and intended for the feeding of porcine animals must be subjected to a high temperature treatment followed by subsequent storage for a certain time at room temperature in order to mitigate the risk of contamination.

Accordingly, the introduction of spray dried blood and blood plasma of porcine origin from Third Countries or for transit through the European Union must be accompanied by a Health Certificate in line with that set out in Annex 1 of the Regulation.

Please find attached a copy of the Regulation, the provisions of which shall apply until 31 May 2015.

If you require further information, please contact feedimports@agriculture.gov.ie

Yours Sincerely,

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