



**Trader Notice No. 2/2015**

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

**RE: The re-use of bulk bags to package animal feedingstuffs – compound feeds and feed materials only.**

To : Manufacturers of Compound Feed  
Manufacturers of Mineral Mixtures  
Manufacturers of Nutritional Supplements  
Manufacturers of Pre-mixtures  
Food Recyclers  
Retailers and Wholesalers  
Irish Grain and Feed Association

- 1) Only bulk bags previously used to contain compound feed and feed materials are permitted for re-filling.
- 2) Bulk bags shall only be re-filled if they are fully empty, clean and fit for use.
- 3) Used bulk bags should be refilled and returned to the customer who supplied the used bulk bag following refilling. Used bulk bags shall not be stored on site under any circumstances for bio-security reasons.
- 4) Where bulk bags are re-filled, all details of that compound feed or feed material as required under Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 must be supplied in a new docket/label attached to the bag.
- 5) It is your responsibility to ensure that all feed is supplied in bulk bags that are fit for purpose. The practice of re-using bulk bags should be clearly documented in the pre-requisite controls of your HACCP procedures.

If you require any further information please direct enquiries to:

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Yours Sincerely

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