

Trader Notice No. 2/2017

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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) and Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the Prevention, Control and Eradication of certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (S.I. No. 532 of 2015)

To: All Manufacturers of animal feed
All Importers of animal feed
Suppliers of surplus food / by-products
Irish Grain and Feed Association

Re: Feed Business Operators (FeBOs) own-controls for the verification of compliance with the ‘total feed ban’

Feed Business Operators (FeBOs) are responsible for ensuring that all stages of production, processing and distribution of animal feed under their control are carried out in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. Part of the FeBOs responsibility under this Regulation involves the implementation and maintenance of a permanent written procedure based on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles.

Prohibitions concerning the feeding of proteins derived from animals (‘total feed ban’) are set out in Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. Compliance with the total feed ban is an important part of feed hygiene and should be considered by the FeBO as part of their HACCP procedures.

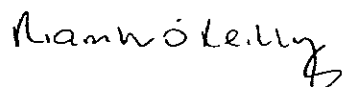
Therefore, in accordance with Article 6 (Hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP) system) and Article 7 (Documents concerning the HACCP system) of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 FeBOs shall undertake a review of their HACCP hazard analysis to ensure the identification of all hazards relating to particles of animal origin. Such an evaluation of hazards relating to particles of animal origin shall include a qualitative (based on judgement) and a quantitative (based on data) evaluation of the presence of hazards. The quantitative evaluation of hazards relating to particles of animal origin requires FeBOs to carry out occasional sampling and analysis of feed materials for the presence of particles of animal origin on an annual basis. The results of these analyses will verify FeBOs compliance with the ‘total feed ban’.

In the event of a positive result for particles of animal origin in feed, the FeBO must notify the Department immediately at cropproduction@agriculture.gov.ie. Where the analysis result is negative for particles of animal origin, the laboratory result should be retained by the FeBO and made available to DAFM for inspection when requested.

Please note that implementation of the above measures will be verified by officers of the Feedingstuffs Division as part of the Feedingstuffs Annual Inspection Programme.

If you require any further information, please email cropproduction@agriculture.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

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