



**Trader Notice No. 03/2019**

**11 November 2019**

**RE: Retention of feed samples and labelling of feed additives and premixtures**

To: Manufacturers of additives, silage additives, mineral mixtures, premixtures, nutritional supplements, feed materials, compound feed for sale and petfood  
Suppliers of surplus food and by-products  
Irish Grain and Feed Association

Feed Business Operators (FBO's) who are involved in the manufacture, import, export, distribution, supply or use of all animal feed must ensure compliance with EU feed legislation such as Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council (laying down requirements for feed hygiene), Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (on the placing on the market and use of feed) and Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (on additives for use in animal nutrition).

In particular, DAFM is reminding you to review, and where necessary, amend your procedures to ensure the following issues are fully addressed:

- (i) In accordance with the requirements of point 4 of Annex II 'Quality Control' to Regulation (EC) No 183/2005, samples of each ingredient and of each batch of feed product manufactured and placed on the market must be taken in sufficient quantity in line with your procedures on sampling of feed. These samples must be retained by you in order to ensure traceability. Samples must be sealed properly to prevent adulteration and labelled for easy identification. Furthermore, samples should be kept in a dedicated storage area which prevents both adulteration and any abnormal changes to the composition of the samples. Retained samples should be kept until the end of their shelf-life.
- (ii) Your procedures for the sourcing of feed additives and premixtures and your intake procedures must include sufficient controls and checks to ensure that feed additives and premixtures (including those imported from Third Countries and other MS) are labelled in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. All feed additives and premixtures manufactured at your premises must be labelled in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 while the labelling of feed materials and compound feed manufactured at your premises must be in line with the requirements of Articles 16 and 17 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2009, respectively. Further information on labelling can be found on the Department's website at:  
<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/agri-foodindustry/feedingstuffs/tradernotices-animalfeed/>

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liam O'Leary".

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