



Trader Notice 1/2011

To: Each Feed Manufacturer
Grain Intake Depot
Food Recyclers
Irish Grain and Feed Association

1st February, 2011.

General Food Law / Feed Hygiene Regulations

Dear Sir/Madam

Following the recent dioxin incident in Germany, involving the feeding of contaminated feed to farm animals, all Feed Business Operators are being reminded of their responsibilities under the General Food Law (EC Regulation 178/2002) and Feed Hygiene Regulations (EC Regulation 183/2005).

These Regulations:

- (i) place primary responsibility for feed safety with you as the feed business operator;
- (ii) place the onus on you to notify DAFF of any laboratory test results which do not comply with feed safety legislation;
- (iii) oblige your company to, *inter alia*, ensure that the production, storage facilities and equipment used by you are designed and maintained to suit the feed business activity carried out within the premises and to ensure the safety and quality of the feed produced; and
- (iv) oblige you to have in place a quality control plan and permanent written procedures based on HACCP principles.

Please note that failure to put in place appropriate HACCP based procedures is an offence under the Feed Hygiene Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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