

Trading Standards In Buckinghamshire

Information for Traders

The Feed (Hygiene & Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005

THE NEW FEED HYGIENE REGULATION ¹

What it means for farmers

The Feed Hygiene Regulation comes into effect in January 2006. It applies to businesses, that make, use or market animal feeds. *This includes most livestock farms and also arable farms that grow, use or sell crops for feed use.*

It replaces existing legislation on approval and registration under the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999, which applies to farmers that mixed feeds containing additives.

Standards

Farmers, as primary producers, will have to follow basic hygiene procedures in relation to the feed they use or grow and ensure that hazards are properly controlled. It is expected that many of these standards will already be observed by farmers and to a large extent reflect the standards that currently have to be complied with under the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999. These include measures to:

- prevent contamination and spoilage of feed;
- keep equipment for mixing, storing or transporting feed clean;
- maintain records of feed used or sold.

There is also a code of 'Good Animal Feeding Practice' that livestock farmers will have to follow.

All of this is designed to help ensure that feed provided to animals is safe and that feeds can be traced in the event of a safety incident. It is complementary to the standards that apply to the production of food that are set out in the new *Food Hygiene Regulations*².

What farmers need to do

Farms that are already registered with their local authority under the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999 must notify their local authority by **1 February 2006**, if they wish to continue their feed mixing activities. **A copy of a document that farms can use for this purpose is attached.** These farms will also have to comply, from **1 January 2006** with the standards mentioned above.

¹EC Regulation No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on laying down requirements for feed hygiene.

² EC Regulation 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs.

Other livestock and arable farms that grow, use or sell feed **do not** need to notify their local authority in order to continue their activities - as long as they are registered under another official scheme. Most farms will be registered under one official scheme or another (e.g. for grant purposes). A list of schemes is available. These farms do not need to comply with the standards mentioned above until **1 January 2008**.

Activities not covered

There are a number of activities outside of the scope Feed Hygiene Regulation. In the farming sector this includes:

- the feeding of food-producing animals kept for private domestic consumption;
- the feeding of animals not kept for food production (e.g. horses not for human consumption);
- the direct supply of small quantities of primary production of feed at local level by a producer to local farms for use on those farms;

Where to find more information

The Food Standards Agency website has more information on the requirements of the Feed Hygiene Regulation

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.uk/foodindustry/hygiene/haccpprimary/>

A copy of the Regulation can be found at

<http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/regulationec1832005.pdf>

The standards that apply to primary producers are set out in Annex I A of the Regulation and the Code of Good Animal Feeding Practice is set out in Annex III.

If you have further questions please contact the Trading Standards Service:

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For a Registration/Approval application form, see below.

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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR APPROVAL
UNDER THE FEED HYGIENE REGULATION
(EC REGULATION 183/2005)**

(Animal feed transporters, suppliers and previously registered farm mixers only)

I am applying for the following premises to be registered/approved under the above legislation. The information required is set out below:

- 1. Name or business name of the feed business**
- 2. Address of premises where the activity requiring registration or approval is undertaken or to be undertaken.**

Address

postcode:

Telephone No:

Fax No:

E – mail address:

- 3. Activity or activities carried out on the premises please use the codes and activity descriptions on Page 5.**

Code: **Activity :**

- 4. Name of Applicant**

- 5. Address of Applicant** *(if different to the address in 2. above).*

6. **Premises currently approved or registered** under the Feeding
Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) 1999

*(If you applied previously and received a number please confirm below.
If unknown leave blank)*

Approval/Registration Number :

Date of Approval/Registration :

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return this application to our office:

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EC FEED HYGIENE REGULATION (183/2005)

Approval Activities

Code	Activity Description	Notes
A1	Manufacture and / or placing* on the market of nutritional additives	This includes: vitamins, pro-vitamins and chemically defined substances having a similar effect; trace elements; amino acids, their salts and analogues and urea and its derivatives.
A2	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of zootechnical additives: Digestibility enhancers, gut flora stabilisers and substances which favourably affect the environment.	This includes enzymes and micro-organisms.
A3	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of antioxidant additives with a maximum content in feeds specified in EC Regulation 1831/2003.	This covers propyl gallate, dodecyl gallate, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), ethoxyquin.
A4	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of colorant additives: carotenoids and xanthophylls.	
A5	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of proteins obtained from micro-organisms belonging to groups of bacteria, yeast, algae and lower fungi.	
A6	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of co-products of the manufacture of amino acids by fermentation.	These products were previously covered by Council Directive 82/471/EEC on Certain Products (Bioproteins) and are now authorised under the EC Feed Additives Regulation (1831/2003).
A7	Manufacture and or placing on the market of premixtures containing vitamins A and D.	
A8	Manufacture and / or placing on the market* of premixtures containing copper and selenium.	
*	<i>These activities cover premises that both manufacture and place such products on the market (sell) and also those premises that do not manufacture but buy and sell products.</i>	

Registration Activities

Code	Activity Description	Notes
R1	Manufacture and / or placing on the market of* feed additives (other than those subject to approval).	This includes preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilisers, thickeners, gelling agents, binders, anticaking agents, acidity regulators, antioxidants (not subject to a maximum permitted level), silage agents, denaturants, substances to control radionuclide contamination, colourants (except carotenoids and xanthophylls).
R2	Manufacture and / or placing on the market* of premixtures (other than those subject to approval)	This includes premixtures containing any feed additive excluding vitamins A & D and copper and selenium.
R3	Manufacture and / or placing on the market* of bioproteins ("certain products") not subject to approval.	This includes urea and it's salts, ammonium salts, amino acids and their salts, analogues of amino acids.
R4	Manufacture of compound feeding stuffs (other than those subject to approval).	This includes the manufacture of complete and complementary feeds, with or without additives.
R5	Placing on the market of compound feeds.	Covers premises engaged in the buying and selling of compound feeds but not manufacturing such feeds.
R6	Manufacture of pet foods	Includes the manufacture of complete and complementary feeds with or without additives.
R7	Manufacture and / or placing on the market* of feed materials.	Feed materials are products which are intended as ingredients of compound feeds or which can be fed singly to animals (eg. Cereal or cereal products).
R8	Transport of feed and feed products	This includes the premises of businesses that transport feed materials, compound feed, feed additives and premixtures.

	* These activities cover premises that both manufacture <u>and</u> place such products on the market (sell) and also those premises that do not manufacture but buy and sell products.	
		Transport of feed and feed products by manufacturers own vehicles are covered by the approval/registration of the manufacturer's premises.
R9	Storage of feed and feed products	Only covers premises not covered by another approval / registration activity relating to the manufacture or placing on the market of the products in question. In other words, it excludes storage facilities at a manufacturer's or transporter's premises.
	FARMS	
R10	Mixing feeds, on farms, with additives and premixtures.	This activity is subject to registration under existing legislation (EC directive 95/69) as implemented by the Feeding Stuffs (Establishment and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999). It covers cases where farms buy-in additives and premixtures products (i.e. not contained in a compound feed) and mix them with feeds (forage, cereals etc.)
R11	Mixing feeds, on farms, with compound feeding stuffs which contain additives.	This activity is subject to registration under existing legislation (EC Directive 95/69 as implemented by the Feeding Stuffs (Establishment and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999).
	Note: Certain other activities are subject to	

	the provisions of the Feed Hygiene Regulation which have not been specifically identified above. This includes:	
R12	Food Businesses selling co-products of the food industry which are destined as feed materials.	This includes brewers, distillers, dairies and food manufacturers carrying out such an activity.
R13	Livestock farms which do not mix feeds or mix feeds without additives.	This includes fish farms.
R14	Arable farms growing of selling crops for feed.	
	However most of these premises will be registered under other official schemes and if this is the case no application for registration under the Feed Hygiene Regulation needs to be made. This includes food businesses registered under the Food Hygiene Regulations.	