

The Agency is developing detailed guidance on the new EC Feed Hygiene Regulation. If you wish to receive a copy of this guidance, please contact the Food Standards Agency Scotland.



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

² EC Regulation No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety.

³ 'primary production of feed' means 'the production of agricultural products, including in particular growing, harvesting, milking, rearing of animals (prior to their slaughter) or fishing resulting exclusively in products which do not undergo any other operation following their harvest, collection or capture, apart from simple physical treatment'. From EC Regulation 1831/2003.



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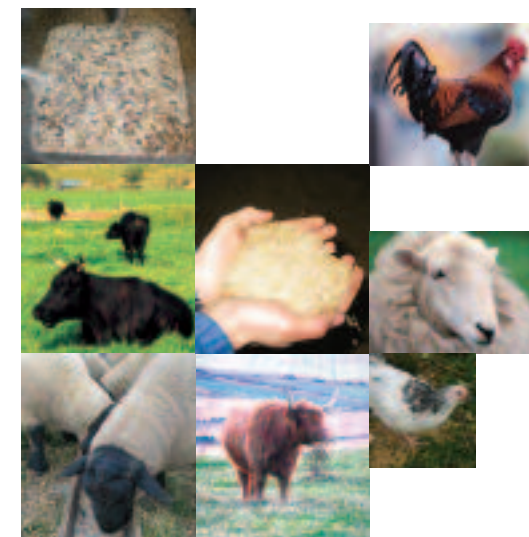
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Feed hygiene for farmers, growers and other feed businesses

– what you need to know

The new Feed Hygiene Regulation will apply to all feed producers from 1 January 2006 – this will affect **farmers, growers and other feed businesses**.

New Regulation

From 1 January 2006, the **new EC Feed Hygiene Regulation¹** will apply to all businesses that make, use or market animal feed. This includes most livestock farms and arable farms that grow, use or sell crops for feed use. The Regulation is intended to ensure that you and others involved in the use and production of feed take all appropriate steps to control potential feed hazards, at every stage.

Approval/registration

The new provisions will replace the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999 and extend the requirement for approval/registration with local authorities.

What this means for you

The farm-to-fork approach of the legislation includes requirements for primary production, in many cases for the first time. In practical terms, the requirements for farmers and growers who sell their produce for animal feed use amount, in the main, to fairly basic hygiene procedures. In addition, feed businesses will have to ensure that hazards are appropriately controlled.

In some cases, you may be required to implement and maintain written procedures based on risk assessment, for example where feed additives and pre-mixtures are bought in and used.

If you already require registration with your local authority under the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999, you must:

- notify your local authority by 1 January 2006, if you wish to continue your feed mixing activities; and
- comply with the standards of the new Regulation from 1 January 2006.

Other livestock and arable farms that grow, use or sell feed and are registered under an official scheme, for example: the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD) – single farm payment scheme, or the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) – British cattle movements service registration do not have to:

- notify their local authority if they wish to continue their feed mixing activities; and
- comply with the standards of the new Regulation until 1 January 2008.

Who is covered?

The Regulation will apply to all feed businesses. Feed businesses are defined as 'any undertaking, whether for profit or not and whether public or private, carrying out any operation of production, manufacture, processing, storage, transport or distribution of feed including any producer producing, processing or storing feed for feeding to animals on his own holding'.²

Are there exemptions from approval/registration?

There are a number of activities to which the Feed Hygiene Regulation will not apply, for example:

- the feeding of food-producing animals kept for own consumption;
- the feeding of animals not kept for food production (such as horses not for human consumption); and
- the direct supply of small quantities of primary production of feed³ to local farms for use there.

It is advisable that you contact your local authority to discuss how the new Regulation may affect you.

