

## Feed hygiene for farmers and growers

The EC Feed Hygiene Regulation 183/2005 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:035:0001:0022:EN:PDF>) is aimed at ensuring that controls throughout the feed chain are strengthened. In particular, it contains controls in relation to feed businesses' operational standards and provisions to help ensure that feeds can be traced and recalled in the event of a feed safety incident.

It requires feed businesses to be approved or registered with their local authority.

### Who is covered?

With few exceptions the Regulation will apply to all feed businesses which 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.'

Examples include:

- feed manufacturers
- feed importers
- sellers of feed
- feed transporters
- storers of feed
- food companies supplying co-products for use in feed
- pet food manufacturers
- livestock farms, fish farms or arable farms growing and using or selling crops for feed use

There was a transitional arrangement when the Regulations were implemented that if any feed business had an existing registration on an official scheme or for another part of the business, then they would not need to register under these Regulations.

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For example food businesses selling co-products for use as animal feed who were already registered under EC Food Hygiene Regulation (852/2004), or farms registered under official schemes such as Organic Entry Level Stewardship (<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/oels/default.aspx>) or with other agencies such as the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) (<http://rpa.defra.gov.uk/rpa/index.nsf/home>).

However this no longer applies. All feed businesses need to register with their local authority under the EC Feed Hygiene Regulation 1831/2003 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:035:0001:0022:EN:PDF>) (for exemptions see below).

Please see the Application form on pages 5 and 6 of this leaflet.

### **Are there any exemptions?**

There are some farm-related activities that fall outside of the scope of the Regulation:

- the private domestic production of feed for food-producing animals kept for
- private domestic consumption and for animals not kept for food production
- the feeding of food-producing animals kept for private domestic consumption
- the feeding of animals not kept for food production
- 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
- the direct supply, by the producer, of small quantities of primary products to local retail establishments directly supplying the final consumer (farms for example)
- the retailing of pet food

(With regard to the term 'small quantities of primary production' - a working definition is less than 20 tonnes per annum.)

### **Conditions for feed businesses to whom the Regulations apply**

The Regulation contains various conditions which feed businesses have to comply with, as appropriate. These are split into three annexes, as follows:

**Annex I** - this covers provisions applicable to businesses involved in primary production of feed (in other words, farms). It includes general hygiene and record-keeping requirements.

**Annex II** - this applies to businesses operating other than at the level of primary production. It contains standards in relation to facilities and equipment, personnel, quality control, storage and transport and record-keeping.

**Annex III** - this is a code on feeding food producing animals which livestock farmers have to comply with.

### **Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)**

The Regulation requires feed businesses that fall within the scope of Annex II to put in place and operate procedures based on the principles of HACCP. HACCP is a system of safety management based on the prevention of feed and food safety problems. It provides a documented, structured approach to ensuring food safety and places a requirement on businesses to identify, manage and control hazards inherent in the handling and production process.

Feed businesses involved in primary production or the feeding of livestock only will not be required to apply HACCP (excluding those which buy in and use feed additives or premixtures).

Please note this guidance does not cover arrangements for the approval of premises, manufacturing, selling or using coccidiostats, histomonostats and growth promoters or the incorporation, distribution and use of veterinary medicines in premixtures and feeding stuffs which are covered by separate legislation enforced by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) (01932 336911) (<http://www.vmd.defra.gov.uk/>).

### **Relevant legislation**

EC Feed Hygiene Regulation 1831/2003

(<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:035:001:0022:EN:PDF>)

Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005

(<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2005/3280/contents/made>)

## ***Where can I get further help?***

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**Application with a view to Registration or Approval under the  
EC Feed Hygiene Regulation (183/2005)**

To: Derbyshire County Council

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

**Name or business name of the feed business to which this  
application relates:**

Name:

Business Name:

**2. Address and associated details of the premises where the  
activity requiring registration or approval is undertaken or to be  
undertaken:**

Address:

Telephone No:

Fax No:

E-mail:

3. Activity or activities carried out on the premises (please use the code  
and activity descriptions shown overleaf)

**Code:**

**Activity:**

**4. Applicant details:**

Name:

Address (only complete if different to the address indicated in at 2 above):

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

(Please indicate below in the appropriate box if the business is currently approved or registered, and provide its approval/registration number)

<b>Registered</b>	<b>Yes/No (delete as appropriate)</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Yes/No (delete as appropriate)</b>
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Approval/Registration Number (if available):

<b>Signature of Applicant:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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## R. 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 and 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 its salts, ammonium salts, amino acids and their salts, analogues of amino acids.
R4	Manufacture of compound feedingstuffs (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 (e.g. 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.
		<i>Transport of feed and feed products by manufacturers own vehicles are covered by the approval/registration of the manufacturer's premises.</i>
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.
		<i>In other words, it excludes storage facilities at a manufacturer's or transporter's premises.</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.

	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 premixture products (i.e. not contained in a compound feed) and mix them with feeds (forage, cereals etc.)
RR 11	Mixing feeds, on farms, with compound feedingstuffs 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).

\* 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.

Note: Certain other activities are subject to the provisions of the Feed Hygiene Regulation which have not been specifically identified above. These include:

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.
RR13	Livestock farms which do not mix feeds or mix feeds without additives		This includes fish farms.
R14	Arable farms growing or selling crops for feed.		

## A. Approval Activities

Code	Activity description		Notes
	<u>Manufacture and/or placing* on the market of certain feed additives</u>		
A1	Manufacture and/or placing on the market of nutritional additives.		<b>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.</b>
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, octyl 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).
	<u>Manufacture and/or placing* on the market of premixtures containing certain feed additives</u>		
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.		

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