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FEED MATERIALS ASSURANCE SCHEME

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND COUNTRY NOTES

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NOTES FOR THE APPLICATION OF FEMAS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

These notes are provided to assist FEMAS Applicants and Assessors in applying the requirements of FEMAS in the Republic of Ireland and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Universal Feed Assurance Scheme (UFAS). These Notes are not necessarily exhaustive.

These Notes are laid out in the same format as the FEMAS International Core Standard. Where additional comment is necessary, the clause reference is to the appropriate section of the FEMAS International Core Standard. It is emphasised that the requirements included in this document apply in addition to those of the FEMAS International Core Standard (*and associated modules*, where relevant) and are not to be considered in isolation. For clauses where no additional comments are provided in this document, the original requirements of the FEMAS International Core Standard (*and associated modules*, where relevant) continue to apply without any additions or exclusions.

Additions and amendments to these Notes since the previous issue are shown in *blue italics*, for ease of reference.

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1.2 Legal Compliance

It is a requirement for all suppliers of feed ingredients to register under Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 (Feed Hygiene) with the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF), regardless of whether they are already registered under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 (Food Hygiene).

3.7 Driers / Drying

Please note that, following a major dioxin incident in the Republic of Ireland in 2008, the Department of Agriculture and Food has ruled that 'commercial grade oil only can be used in the drying of grain or feed'.

4.2.1 Transport of Bulk Goods

Applicants are advised that the ban on the use of meat & bone meal in pet foods was lifted in 2005. It is therefore possible that meat & bone meal may be carried by bulk transport offered for the carriage of raw materials or feed ingredients. It remains an offence to place onto the market feed ingredients with any detectable level of meat & bone meal and applicants must therefore be diligent in confirming contamination with meat and bone cannot occur.

5.2.1 Raw Materials

It is prohibited for Recovered Vegetable Oil (Used Cooking Oil) from any source (including industrial sources permitted in the United Kingdom) to be used in feeding stuffs offered for sale in the Republic of Ireland.

5.4.1 Raw Materials Suppliers

Where applicants supply feed ingredients produced from the processing of grains, pulses or root crops, the farms from which these raw materials are procured (and which are located in the Republic of Ireland) must be registered with DAF under Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 (Feed Hygiene), regardless of whether they are also registered under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 (Food Hygiene).

5.10 Feed Ingredient Delivery Documents & Labels

To meet the requirements laid down by DAF, applicants must NOT include the term 'Non-GM' on any feed ingredient labels or delivery notes, even if the feed ingredients concerned are FEMAS Non-GM certified.

(It is acceptable to DAF and a continuing requirement of FEMAS for contracts and specifications relating to FEMAS certified Non-GM feed ingredients to state: '**Certified under the FEMAS Programme as NOT requiring a GMO declaration under Regulation (EC) No. 1830/2003** '.)

5.14 Traceability

Where imported feed ingredients are supplied within Ireland without further processing, the name or other reference of the importing vessel must be provided on the delivery document for bulk materials or labels for packaged goods.

Where feed ingredients are produced or processed in Ireland, they must be identified by means of a reference on the delivery document for bulk materials or labels for packaged goods that will allow traceability back to time of manufacture. This may be in the form of a batch number, date of manufacture, expiry date or other reference but in all cases applicants must be able to demonstrate a level of traceability that allows identification of the batch or batches (in the case of common bulk or continuous processing) of raw materials used to produce the feed ingredient placed on the market.

Applicants are advised that in the event of a feed safety incident the Competent Authority may deem it necessary to destroy all affected product. It is therefore to the advantage of applicants to precisely identify all parcels of feed ingredients, wherever possible, in order to minimise the extent of any such destruction order.