



FEMAS 2019

Explanation of changes



Key aims

Update for first time since 2013

Align Standard with other AIC schemes

Simplify text

Improve clarity

Identify areas of confusion and potential gaps



2019 Standard

Merged into single Standard

Re-ordered requirements

- More logical
- Style similar to UFAS

Production and Gatekeeping in one standard

- Will also include Scheme Rules
- Sector Notes will remain separate



2019 Standard

Single document

Feed ingredient production

Previously FEMAS International Core Standard

Gatekeeping requirements

Previously FEMAS Intermediate Supplier (IS) Standard

Certification Rules

Combining Scheme Rules with previous Section 1 of FEMAS Standards

Format of Standard

Split into lettered sections

- Each requirement individually numbered

Guidance below requirements where necessary

- In *Italics*

G6 Pest Control

G 6.1 The participant must nominate an employee responsible for the management of effective pest control systems.

Guidance Pest control activities may be carried out by employees of the participant, or by a professional 3rd party contractor.

G 6.2 Risk assessment methods must be used to identify potential problems from the presence of pests.

Guidance Animals which are present and could contaminate feed should be considered pests for the purposes of this section.

G 6.3 A pest control plan must cover:

- the control of pests
- regular inspection of all the [premises](#) at predetermined intervals
- monitoring of stored goods
- Identification of bait station locations
- types of treatments to be used

G 6.4 Results of inspections must be recorded



Definitions

In appendix at end of Standard

- Hyperlinks cross reference within Standard

Key to interpreting the Standard

- When supplier certification is needed
- What constitutes Gatekeeping



Definitions - Feed

Defined as: Any substance or product, including additives, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be used for oral feeding to animals

- Referred to throughout standard, unless more specific description needed, e.g.

Feed additive

Feed Ingredient

Feed Material



Definitions - Raw materials

Defined as: All materials used by participants for manufacturing, processing or blending into feed

Not necessarily “feed” (yet)

- May require processing

If not legal for use as feed without processing:

- No need for certified transport, storage
- But must be safe and fit for purpose



Definitions - Gatekeeper

Defined as: A participant who sources a feed from a supplier not assured against a scheme recognised by AIC and takes responsibility for the safety and suitability of the feed before it enters into the assured supply chain

- Gatekeeping only possible if material is already a feed
- If not, it is outside the scope of FEMAS

Gatekeeper carries out no processing (including packing/ repacking)

- If processing is carried, out participant is sourcing a raw material

Retain requirement for case by case approval



Sector Notes

Full set of Sector Notes

- Will be implemented at the same time as FEMAS Standard

Re-ordered to match new format

Consultation with sectors to ensure fit for purpose



Benefits

1. Single document

- All the information in one place
- Better coordination between Production and Gatekeeper requirements

2. Clarity

- Comprehensive definitions
- Format distinguishes between requirements and guidance

3. Convergence

- Order of requirements *similar* to UFAS
- Writing style in keeping with UFAS