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Presentation

**CODES OF PRACTICE FOR THE CONTROL OF
SALMONELLA IN FEEDINGSTUFFS**

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Codes of Practice for the Control of Salmonella in Feedingstuffs

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History and Origins

- Originally published by MAFF in 1989 in response to Salmonella in Eggs crisis in co-operation with industry (UKASTA then)
- Codes for Pigs, Poultry, Feeds, Rodent control, fishmeal, renderers
- Revised in 1995 to refer to HACCP and later to refer to Defra rather than MAFF



Defra Policy Aims

- To minimise risks to Public and Animal Health in a proportionate way, taking account of cost-benefit analysis
- To use a risk-based approach, and where appropriate, HACCP principles
- To work with other Government Departments and stakeholders to implement [EU] legislation in an appropriate and proportionate way



Legislative Background

- Zoonoses Directive 2003/99 (Monitoring)
 - Zoonoses Regulation 2160/2003
(Risk management)
 - Feed Hygiene Regulation 183/2005
- => Increasing importance and emphasis on Salmonella controls



Three Codes of Practice for the control of Salmonella

- During Storage and Transport of Feed compounds, materials and additives
- During Production of Feed materials and feed additives
- During Production of compound feeds

Main sections in Codes

- Purpose
- Definitions
- HACCP / Good Practice
- Premises and Storage (pest control, storage on livestock units, construction and layout, operations)
- Equipment
- Vehicles

Main sections in Codes (II)

- **Cleaning**
- **Bacteriological Monitoring**
- **Actions when salmonella isolated**
- **Records**
- **Personnel**
- **Legislation**

Who uses them and in what way?

- **The Codes are integral parts of the 3 AIC feed assurance schemes (UFAS, FEMAS, and TASCC). Code compliance by scheme members is checked during annual audit.**
- **Code compliance is also a feature of many of the Farm Assurance schemes (e.g. Home mixers who are members of the Lion code for egg production)**
- **Codes referred to in AIC and Gafta trade contracts**

Who uses them and in what way (II)

- Indirectly – e.g. Retailer assurance schemes may require feed used to comply with UFAS (and hence also with Codes)
- Use as training documents
- As an accepted industry standard, [non] compliance may be quoted in litigation. Increased impact of zoonoses legislation may make this more important.

Why does the Industry find them useful ?

- Integral part of the 3 feed assurance schemes
- Being flagged as Defra Codes shows government recognition and demonstrates independence from any particular feed or livestock industry
- Their existence has avoided multiple codes from different sectors in feed and food chain

What has triggered the update ?

- The introduction of industry assurance schemes since the original issue in 1989
- Introduction of the Zoonoses legislation throughout the EU (2003/99 and 2160/2003)
- Feed Hygiene Regulation (183/2005) will require compliance with specific microbiological criteria

What has triggered the update (II)

- No microbiological criteria set yet under 183/2005. Decided not to wait any longer.
- Having an up to date Defra code to use as an example may help the UK negotiating position in Brussels

What do we hope to get out of the codes in the future ?

- Greater understanding of the need to control salmonella, and hence better compliance with targets set under zoonoses legislation
- More reporting and serotyping of incidents, including environmental screening, may lead to a better understanding of the epidemiology of salmonella in the feed and livestock industries

Timetable

- Submission to Minister (seeking permission to go out to consultation) – this week
- Consultation exercise – 12 weeks, ending January 2009
- Publication – (approx) February 2009

ACAF's Role ?

- ACAF will be formal consultee
- Defra and AIC welcome ACAF association with the revision, and seek formal endorsement of the Codes by ACAF.
- This will give the Codes added weight at a crucial time



Thank you for your attention

