

EU Feed Legislation

Regulation on Food Law (178/2002)

Requires that feed must be safe for consumers of livestock products and animals. Sets out responsibilities of feed business operators and requires them to have procedures in place to ensure that suppliers/customers of feed can be identified.

Directive on Undesirable Substances (2002/32)

Sets maximum permitted levels (MPLs) and other controls for a wide range of contaminants in feeds (heavy metals, dioxins, PCBs aflatoxins, melamine etc). It prohibits the blending of feed materials with contamination in excess of MPLs with other materials to produce complying feeds.

GM Feed and Food Regulation (1829/2003)

Contains labelling requirements for GMOs and GM-derived materials (and products that contain them) and procedures to be followed in considering/authorising applications for new GM varieties.

Feed Additives Regulation (1831/2003)

Requires that only authorised feed additives (vitamins, trace elements, enzymes, micro-organisms, preservatives etc) are used in feeds, subject to conditions of use, as appropriate. It includes procedures for the authorisation of new additives and provides for the re-evaluation of existing authorisations and specifies labelling declarations for feed additives and premixtures.

Feed Hygiene Regulation (1831/2005)

Requires feed business establishments (including farms) to be approved or registered. Establishments must apply the principles of HACCP and comply with other operating standards relating to facilities, equipment, personnel, storage, transport and record-keeping.

Marketing and Use of Feed Regulation (767/2009)

Sets out labelling declarations for feed materials and compound feeds, and regulates claims. It also includes authorisation procedures for dietetic feeds and feeds with high levels of additives and provides for the scope to set MPLs for processing aids. It establishes a voluntary catalogue of commonly used feed materials, and a register for other feed materials and has a list of prohibited feeds.