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**Presentation Paper: Review of Delivery of
Animal Feed Official Controls**

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Background to the Review

- March FSA Board requested a review of official feed controls separate to the ongoing Review of Delivery of Official Controls (RDOC) because of the body of evidence identifying concerns with the current LA delivery system in GB:
 - FVO audits 2009, 2011
 - FSA local authority (LA) audits 2011, 2012
 - Annual returns from LAs to the FSA

Current Animal Feed Official Controls Delivery Model

	FSA UK			
Central Competent Authorities	FSA England	FSA Wales	FSA Scotland	FSA N Ireland
Competent Authorities Delivering Official Controls in England Wales and Scotland. Funded by LAs Supported by FSA Grant Funding and/or RSG	153 Local Authorities	22 Local Authorities	32 Local Authorities	
Competent Authority Delivering Official Controls In N Ireland Funded by DARD				DARD
Inspection and Sampling (CA) at Primary Production Premises In Scotland Supported by FSA SLA and Unit Payment			32 Local Authorities DAFRC	
CCA and CA For Official Controls Where Feed Includes Medicines	DEFRA VMD	DEFRA VMD	DEFRA VMD	DARD
CCA and CA for Inspection and Sampling to Ensure Compliance with TSE Feed Ban	DEFRA AHVLA	DEFRA AHVLA	DEFRA AHVLA	DARD

GB businesses involved in the feed industry



Global production 600m tonnes

UK production 15m tonnes

UK annual consumption 20m tonnes

UK economic value £4.4bn

GB businesses involved in the feed industry

Importers / manufacturers / packers = 1,126

Retailers / stores / hauliers = 20,559

Livestock/Arable farms = 159,258

Feed Business Operator Surplus food = 1,401

Total premises = 182,344



Key FVO Concerns

FVO audits 2009 and 2011 expressed the following concerns:

- Quality and quantity of official controls varies significantly between LAs depending on available financial resource;
- There are gaps in the controls system for imported feed;
- Official controls are superficial in verification of HACCP based procedures and arrangements;
- Poor follow-up by LAs of non-compliances in feed establishments;
- *In 2011 the FVO recognised substantial improvements had been made since 2009*

Key FSA Audit Concerns

FSA LA audits:

- Variations in controls for imported feed at ports;
- Planning and management of controls did not follow guidance set out in the Framework Agreement;
- Poor standards in the delivery of inland feed controls;
- The frequency, effectiveness and quality of recording of inspections were poor;
- A number of LAs have reduced or stopped delivering feed controls in response to budget cuts;
- Feed law enforcement is not a high local priority when compared with other services and is vulnerable to reduced LA spending.

Evidence: The Numbers

LA Feed returns data:

La feed returns	2010/2011	2011/2012
% required inspections completed	44%	39%
% inspections in premises 'higher risk' activity	50%	49%
% inspections in premises 'lower risk' activity	120%	156%
% reduction in Full time equivalent staff	21% (33)	Further 8% (9)
% feed returns received 2009/10 68%	90% *	60% to date

* Concerted follow-up by FSA in preparation for FVO audit

Summary of Review Findings

- Delivery of controls has declined
- Inspection of high risk activities not completed
- Low priority to provide a feed service in some authorities
- Full time equivalent staff employed to deliver controls has declined
- Access to import information inconsistent
- Feed Law Code of Practice requires updating.

Review Recommendations

Build on and improve the existing model for delivery of feed controls across the UK through :

- Recognition of the role of assurance schemes to reduce the burden of inspections, enabling controls to be focused on more pressing priorities;
- Effective regional/national LA delivery model with improvements of controls at ports;
- Improve national surveillance and sampling plans;
- Reduce interventions, duplication and costs by working closer with Other Government Departments (OGDs);
- Improve how we capture and share information and data together with training and learning.

Key Workstreams

- Earned recognition/assurance schemes
- LA regional/national delivery, with improved controls at ports and sampling
- Information and data management
- Liaison with OGDs to reduce footfall and improve intelligence

The Code of Practice will be updated to reflect the changes, and relevant training provided

Timescales

- Agree Programme Board (Dec '12)
- Agree project teams to deliver recommendations (Jan '13)
- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders including LA workshops Jan– (Mar '13)
- Update FSA Board (April '13)
- Formal consultation (revised code of practice) (summer 2013)
- FVO audit early 2014

ACAF involvement

- How you can get involved:
 - We will provide regular updates or as requested through the chair
 - Advise us of any developments/activity which may impact on our work

Comments from ACAF members welcomed via the ACAF secretariat



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