ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS

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Presentation Paper: Feed Safety - potential gaps – Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) Feed Adviser Register

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AIC Feed Adviser Register

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Background



- GHG Action Plan
 - voluntary
 - need to demonstrate compliance
- BASIS
- FACTS
- DairyPro
- British Society of Animal Scientists

Background



- Efficient feeding of livestock leads to reduced GHG emissions
 - more efficient conversion of food into feed
 - Less GHG emissions per kg output
- Feed and food safety are implicit

Industry challenges



- Energy used to manufacture feed
- Haulage
- Choice of feed materials used
- Increasing costs of production and lower margins

Feed Adviser Register -Objectives



- Competence in animal feeding advice particularly in terms of GHG performance
- To include all personnel who provide feeding management advice to livestock farmers
- Demonstration of level of competence
- Knowledge transfer
- Safe feeding

Membership of the Register



- All feed advisers, commercial and support staff
- Initial entry criteria require minimal qualifications but practical feed advisory experience essential
- Annual renewal
- Continual Professional Development
- Managed by AIC Services but open to all

Registration criteria by livestock sector



FEED ADVISER					
	pigs	poultry	ruminant	fish	equine
experience					
qualifications					
conduct					
other					
compounder					
merchant					
feed ingredient					
additive					
Pre-mix					

Continuing Professional Development



- Initial 2 modules over two years
- CPD by various options thereafter

Benefits



- Industry standard of advice
- Current and future developments transferred to farmer
- Assurance to Farmer on quality of advice
- CPD benefits individual and his customer
- Meet the requirements of the GHG Action plan
- Continual improvement can be set

Road Map



- Initial presentation to industry February 2012
- Feed Adviser Register Working Group formed
- Currently working on scheme structure, codes and website
- Period of industry and stakeholder liaison
- Launch May 2013



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