

HACCP: It is very likely that you already have a HACCP system in place for production of safe food. This must be extended to cover your activities for feed.

Traceability: A system must be in place to show that you can trace your products to the farm/feed company that you supply, and that you can trace the origins of ingredients in the event of a feed or food incident.

A batch number should be provided with each load leaving, and a record kept of the destination of the feed materials. This can be as simple as the date of the feed leaving the premises, but you must be able to trace production in case of any food/feed safety incidents.

If you have any queries about these requirements, or decide to start supplying your waste food into the feed chain, please contact your local Feed Officers for further advice.

Legislation:

EC Regulation 183/2005 on feed hygiene

EC Regulation 767/2009 on the placing on the market and the use of feed

EC Directive 2002/32 on undesirable substances in animal feed

FURTHER ADVICE IS AVAILABLE FROM:

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The Feed (Hygiene & Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations 2005

A guide for Food Producers supplying feed

The Feed (Hygiene & Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations 2005 exist to ensure that the food chain is protected; by making sure that feeding stuffs are manufactured under controlled conditions and by ensuring that the supply of such products can easily be traced.

If you are a business that intends to:

- Manufacturer, or a retailer of food which may supply surplus or waste food into the feed chain
- Manufacture and/or place feed materials on the market
- Supply co-products of the food industry which are destined as feed materials

then your premises are required to be registered with Trading Standards. In addition to registration, you are also required to meet a number of conditions. As a food business, you are likely to already have in place systems to comply with the legislation, so any additional requirements will be minor.

Vale of Glamorgan Trading Standards has a duty to keep a register of all feed businesses and to inspect these premises at regular intervals. The frequency of inspection is determined by the possible risks that an establishment may pose to the feed and food chain should problems arise. As a department we aim to assist those of you affected by these regulations by providing help and advice on how best to comply with the conditions that apply to your business.

As prices for animal feed have increased, farmers and feed businesses are increasingly seeking ways to provide cheaper sources of sugars, starches and proteins to their animals.

One method of providing this is to include manufactured waste food which was intended for human consumption, but has been rejected for sale or returned, due to not complying with quality standards (such as too large, too small, or past the best-before date). These products tend to be baked, cereal-based food, that does not contain meat, which would not generally cause a hazard to human or animal health, but have been rejected for commercial reasons.

These products are often disposed of by placing into land-fill, so it can benefit both the business (in terms of reduced charges for disposal) and the recipient, to re-use these products where it is safe to do so.

There are strict controls on the food waste that can and cannot be reused as animal feed. Many animal disease outbreaks, such as BSE, Foot and Mouth and Swine Fever have been linked to feed, and legislation is in place to prevent these from happening again.

PROHIBITED FOODS AND WASTE

Catering waste means all waste food, whether raw or cooked, including used cooking oils originating in restaurants, catering facilities and kitchens such as fish and chips shops, takeaways, school and hospital kitchens and household kitchens. This includes catering waste from vegetarian restaurants and kitchens.

All kinds of catering waste are **prohibited** for feeding to farmed animals, including any pet animals that belong to a farmed species such as pet pigs, goats and poultry.

Any food which has been rejected due to a safety issue (microbiological, chemical or physical contamination) **must not** be diverted to the feed chain.

Any products which contain, or have been in contact with (after cooking/baking):

- raw eggs
- meat
- fish
- products or preparations derived from or incorporating meat or fish

must not be supplied for feeding to farmed animals species.

All packaging from products used in the food industry is also prohibited from entering the feed chain.

PERMITTED FOODS

Food waste from manufacturers and retailers which may be fed to farmed animals or processed as such includes:

- processed by-products from businesses such as distilleries, breweries, cereal/grain, oil seed/oil fruit, legume seed and sugar beet processing operations with by-products such as draff, oatmeal, rapemeal, sugar beet pulp and dark grains.
- bakery products which do not contain meat (such as bread, cakes, pastry and biscuits), pasta, chocolate, sweets, unflavoured crisps, breakfast cereals and similar products, which cannot enter the food chain for quality reasons.

Some products may be fed to livestock if they contain ingredients such as rennet or melted fat, milk, milk products, flavourings, egg, honey, flavourings or gelatine of non-ruminant origin, which have been incorporated into those products but which do not constitute the main characteristic ingredient, and **providing that they have not been in contact with any of the products on the prohibited list.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD BUSINESSES

Many of the requirements for feed hygiene will already be a part of your quality management system for producing safe food for human consumption. The points below show the additional requirements for supplying or placing feed materials/co-products on the market

Registration: You must be registered with Vale of Glamorgan Council, under EC Feed Hygiene Regulation 183/2005. Registration with Vale of Glamorgan Council is free.

Separation: Food materials containing any form of meat or meat product (such as sausage rolls or pies) are completely prohibited for feeding to farmed animals, or to pets from these species. It is essential that none of these products enters the feed chain.

It is advisable to have one person responsible for ensuring that separation between these products is maintained. It is not acceptable to have open containers that any member of staff can put waste food into, in premises where both permitted and prohibited materials can be handled, such as bakeries. Containers must be clearly identified. This could be done by labelling or colour coding, for example.