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FEED ASSURANCE SCHEME



Historically, most of the quality and safety problems that have arisen in animal feed have all been associated with the feed ingredients rather than the feed manufacture. It is essential, therefore, to ensure that an effective assurance programme covers feed ingredients.

As a consequence, FEMAS was developed by AIC and industry to provide assurance that the feed materials that are procured for processing into animal feed are safe, legal and of an agreed quality standard.

However, the requirements of FEMAS do not take into account the economic and practical issues encountered by brewers classified within the EU as “smaller brewers” (less than 200,000hl/year output).

BFBi as sector lead for moist co-product feed, providing expert guidance to industry and government via the BFBi Moist Co Product Feeds Committee, created a bespoke assurance scheme aimed at “smaller brewers”.



“The traceability and safety of feed is a vital element of livestock assurance, and this BFBi scheme helps us to ensure that this is delivered in cases where a farmer buys in brewers ‘grains.’
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David Clarke
Chief Executive
Assured Food Standards

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

Any brewer/distiller giving or selling brewers' grains or draff; ullage; spent yeast to farm via a UFAS trader **MUST** be either FEMAS or BFBi Feed Assurance accredited. No trader is able to pick up grains/yeast etc from a non accredited source.

Any brewer/distiller giving or selling brewers' grains/draff; ullage; spent yeast direct to farm is strongly recommended to be either FEMAS or BFBi Assurance accredited, in order to show due diligence and traceability within the supply chain.

Farmers selling milk or meat to retail who are, in themselves, accredited via AFS/Red Tractor and/or other accreditation schemes will need to show traceability within their supply chain – the BFBi Feed Assurance Scheme provides this via auditing and validation of:

- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
- Risk Assessment/HACCP
- Identification and traceability of feed materials for recall
- purposes Legislation
- Quality Assurance

Accredited farmers will be asked to provide evidence of traceability – the BFBi Feed Assurance Scheme certificate provides this.

“The BFBi Feeds Assurance Scheme helps us ensure traceability and safety of our brewers' grains. We find the Scheme user friendly and well structured for a brewery of our size producing less than 200,000 HL pa without being overly onerous.”

Nick Berkovits
Second Brewer
Timothy Taylor's

WHY SHOULD YOU NOT JOIN?

Any brewer/distiller giving or selling brewers' grains/draff, ullage and/or spent yeast to animals not intended for the food chain or supplied to farmers not accredited within one of the retail/Government schemes does not need to be accredited.

However, the fundamental principles of GMP (risk assessment, HACCP, QA) still apply and you may wish to join in order to have these audited and validated on an annual basis in order to show evidence of best practice.

LEGISLATION

Food and drink businesses (including retailers) that supply food products for use as animal feed must comply with the requirements of the Feed Hygiene Regulation (183/2005). This applies whether or not food products are supplied via a food processor or sent direct to farms. Businesses providing food products for pet food are also covered by these requirements.

In addition, a number of codes of practice and quality assurance schemes apply to the production and delivery of feed to farms and the sourcing, storage and handling of feed materials and compound feeds.

The main codes of practice are *those drawn up* by the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) and the Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA). These, and other codes (including the BFBi Feed Assurance Scheme) - developed by the feed industry, farmers, unions, and trade bodies, are voluntary, but help ensure that measures are in place to address identifiable hazards and trace feed materials.

“The Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers’ Association (BFBi) Feed Assurance scheme offers assurance to maintain the traceability and safety of your animal feed and is supported by the AFS livestock schemes including ABM.”

Philippa Wiltshire
Strategy & Technical Manager
Assured Food Standards

The ultimate aim of both legislation and self-regulation is to ensure that animal feed is safe, wholesome and does not present any danger to animal or human health and the environment.

Relevant feed legislation, appropriate to the UK includes:

- The Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005 No. 3280)
- Regulation 183/2005 on feed hygiene (applies at all points in the production, supply and use of feed)
- Feed Labelling Legislation (Commission Directive 98/67/EC)

It is a key objective of the scheme that companies certified are compliant with the above and that European legislation remains as non incumbent as possible.

COSTING

Annual Production (Volume hl)	Annual Production (Brewer's Barrels)	Band	Price (Exc. VAT)
<400	<260	1	£187.95
400 - 2,500	260 - 1,560	2	£276.15
2,501 - 8,300	1,561 - 5,200	3	£352.80
8,301 - 58,000	5,201 - 36,400	4	£418.95
58,001 - 60,000	36,401 - 37,492	5	£474.85
60,001 - 100,000	37,492 - 65,019	6	£584.85
100,001 - 200,000	65,020 - 130,039	7	£705.60

Please be aware that Band 6 & 7 must undertake an On-Site Audit with Verification By independent party (Recognised by AIC-UFAS.)

On-Site Audit cost is £700 + VAT & auditor expenses., unless part of SALSA Beer+, contact for further details

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HOW TO APPLY

Registration forms can be obtained from, and should be submitted to, any of the contact details outlined on the left of this page.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss anything, please feel free to contact us and a member of the BFBi team will be glad to assist.