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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on the Pursuit of Activities in the Feed Sector

(1266/2020; amendments up to 71/2022 included)

By decision of Parliament, the following is enacted by virtue of the Feed Act (1263/2020):

Chapter 1

General provisions

Section 1

Scope of application

This Decree lays down the provisions on the obligations concerning notification, own-checks and recording of information and on the approval of a feed business operator. This Decree also lays down the provisions concerning the labelling of feed and the approval procedure for the designation of a laboratory located in another Member State of the European Union and the use of an unauthorised feed additive.

Section 2

Relationship with certain statutes

In addition to this Decree, provisions on the pursuit of activities in the feed sector are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene (*Feed Hygiene Regulation*) and in Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed, amending Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC (*Medicated Feed Regulation*). (71/2022)

In addition to this Decree, provisions on the pursuit of activities concerning feeds of animal origin are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (*Animal By-Products Regulation*). Provisions on the implementation of the Animal By-Products Regulation are laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under the Directive and in the Act on Animal By-Products (517/2015).

Provisions on the pursuit of activities concerning feeds of animal origin are also laid down in Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (*TSE Regulation*).

On account of changes in the animal health situation, provisions on restrictions on trade within the internal market, transit through the territory of the internal market, and import and export are laid down in safeguard measures issued by the European Commission.

In addition to this Decree, provisions on the mandatory labelling of feed materials and compound feeds are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the placing on the market and use of feed, amending European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 and repealing Council Directive 79/373/EEC, Commission Directive 80/511/EEC, Council Directives 82/471/EEC, 83/228/EEC, 93/74/EEC, 93/113/EC and 96/25/EC and Commission Decision 2004/217/EC (*Placing on the Market and Use Regulation*), and provisions on the labelling of feed of animal origin are also laid down in the Animal By-Products Regulation and TSE Regulation.

Provisions on the calculation criteria for the energy value of compound feeds intended for poultry are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed.

Provisions on the maximum levels of undesirable substances in feed and action thresholds for investigations to be carried out by Member States are laid down in Commission Regulations amending Annexes I and II to Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on undesirable substances in animal feed (*Undesirable Substances Regulations*) and in their annexes. In addition to this, provisions on the maximum levels of pesticides are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC and in its annexes.

Provisions on feed additives are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives for use in animal nutrition. Detailed requirements on the information to be required for the authorisation of an additive are laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 429/2008 on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the preparation and the presentation of applications and the assessment and the authorisation of feed additives (*Application Guidelines Regulation*).

Provisions on the manufacture, placing on the market, import and export, supply and distribution, and use and dispensing of veterinary medicinal products are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC (*Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation*). (71/2022)

Provisions on prescribing medicated feed are laid down in the Act on the Medication of Animals (387/2014). (71/2022)

Section 3

Definitions

(71/2022)

The definitions of the Feed Act (1263/2020) apply in this Decree. In addition, in this Decree:

- 1) *complementary feed and complete feed* mean complementary feed and complete feed as they are defined in the Placing on the Market and Use Regulation;
- 2) *daily ration* means daily ration as it is defined in Article 2(2)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives for use in animal nutrition;

- 3) *feed business* means any undertaking whether for profit or not, public or private as it is defined in Article 3(5) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety;
- 4) *approved laboratory* means a laboratory referred to in section 34 of the Feed Act approved to test own-check samples concerning salmonella required by law;
- 5) *designated laboratory* means a laboratory referred to in section 37 of the Feed Act designated to test own-check samples concerning salmonella required by law;
- 6) *official sampling guidelines* mean guidelines of the Finnish Food Authority on the sampling of feed;
- 7) *type of production* means financially the most significant type of primary production;
- 8) *storage company* means a feed business operator providing storage services that stores feed, including a separate warehouse or storage establishment;
- 9) *transport company* means a feed business operator providing transport services;
- 10) *incremental sample* means the quantity of the sample taken from one place in the feed batch or lot or part thereof;
- 11) *sample from the production environment* means a swab or dust sample which may also contain feed to be taken from the production facility and equipment, mixer vehicle, transport fleet, storage facility or other similar point;
- 12) *wet feed* means feed material and compound feed with a dry matter content of less than 50 per cent;
- 13) *customer number* means a number given by the Finnish Food Authority to the feed business operator in connection with registration in accordance with the Feed Hygiene Regulation;
- 14) *cross-contamination* means cross-contamination as it is defined in Article 3(2)(d) of the Medicated Feed Regulation;
- 15) *processed animal protein* means animal protein as it is defined in paragraph 5 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive;
- 16) *detoxification establishment* means an establishment in accordance with paragraph 1 of Annex VIII to the Placing on the Market and Use Regulation which cleans feed where the maximum level

of undesirable substances has been exceeded.

Chapter 2

Registration and approval of a feed business operator

Section 4

Notification for registration

In the registration notification in accordance with section 19 of the Feed Act, the feed business operator shall state the following information, in addition to the provisions in section 19 of the Feed Act:

- 1) business operator in primary production shall state the type of production and activities in accordance with Chapter I of Annex 1 to this Decree;
- 2) business operator other than one in primary production shall state the activities in accordance with Chapter II of Annex 1 to this Decree and the product types in accordance with Chapter III of Annex 1 to this Decree.

A feed business operator shall notify the Finnish Food Authority of any permanent changes to the information given in the registration notification or of any other significant change in a way required by the Finnish Food Authority.

Section 5

Derogations concerning certain business operators in primary production

A reindeer herding cooperative in accordance with section 6 of the Reindeer Husbandry Act (848/1990) may submit a registration notification on behalf of a feed business operator who pursues reindeer husbandry. The information referred to in section 4 of this Decree shall be attached to the notification.

Section 6

Application for approval of a feed business operator

(71/2022)

A feed business operator shall attach information specified in section 20 of the Feed Act to the application concerning approval. An application for approval shall be submitted to the Finnish Food Authority on the form published for this purpose no later than two months before the planned activities are started. A feed business operator applying for approval shall also make the registration notification referred to in section 4 of this Decree.

Provisions on revoking an approval under the Feed Hygiene Regulation are laid down in Articles 14 and 15 of the Feed Hygiene Regulation.

Section 7

Approval and identification number of a feed business establishment

(71/2022)

The Finnish Food Authority shall provide an approval number in the form specified in Part A of Annex 2 to this Decree to an approved establishment pursuing the activities referred to in:

- 1) Article 10 of the Feed Hygiene Regulation;
- 2) paragraph 10 of Annex II to the Feed Hygiene Regulation;
- 3) Article 8(2) of the Placing on the Market and Use Regulation;
- 4) paragraph 1 of Annex VIII to the Placing on the Market and Use Regulation or
- 5) Article 13(1) of the Medicated Feed Regulation, with the exception of establishments referred to in Article 13(2).

Upon request, the Finnish Food Authority shall also provide an identification number in the form specified in Part B of Annex 2 to a feed business establishment referred to in Article 17(1)(c) of the Placing on the Market and Use Regulation.

Section 8

List of feed business operators and approved laboratories

The Finnish Food Authority publishes a list of feed business operators and approved laboratories on its website. The lists shall be kept up to date.

The Finnish Food Authority shall enter the establishments it has registered following the procedure laid down in section 4 or 5 of this Decree into the list, including the specification of each activity and product type.

In addition to the provisions in subsection 2, the approval number specified in section 7 of this Decree shall be entered into the list in respect of each business operator approved under the Feed Hygiene Regulation.

Chapter 3

Import

Section 9

Import sampling and testing of samples

For the official salmonella control of feeds, samples shall be taken from high-risk feed in connection with the import of a feed batch or lot in accordance with the control plan referred to in section 40 of the Feed Act.

For high-risk feed intended for feeding food-producing animals, pets and fur animals, one sample per every 50,000 kilograms of the feed batch or lot shall be tested.

In addition to the provisions in subsection 2, for feed intended directly to a mobile mixer or farm for feeding food-producing animals without heat treatment of the feed batch or lot in Finland, one sample per every 25,000 kilograms of the feed batch or lot shall be tested.

An inspector authorised by the Finnish Food Authority shall take the samples referred to in subsections 2 and 3 in accordance with the official sampling guidelines.

Section 10

Notification obligation of a feed business operator concerning import

A feed business operator shall provide notification of imports of high-risk feed no later than 24 hours before the feed batch or lot in question enters the Finnish territory by notifying the Finnish Food Authority of this for risk-based sampling referred to in section 9 of this Decree. If the day preceding the import operation is not a weekday, the advance notification shall be provided no later than on the previous weekday.

Feed additives, premixtures and compound feeds manufactured from them mentioned in Annex 4 may only be imported from production establishments that have a representative based in Finland. The representative shall provide notification to the Finnish Food Authority by which the representative undertakes to guarantee that the production establishment located in the third country fulfils the requirements laid down in the Feed Hygiene Regulation.

The Finnish Food Authority keeps a list of third-country production establishments and enters into it the name and address of both the production establishment and the representative, as well as products that require approval referred to in Annex 4 that have been placed on the market in Finland.

Chapter 4

Quality control by feed business operators

Section 11

Maximum levels of undesirable substances, products and organisms

A product intended as feed that contains an undesirable substance or product at a level that exceeds the maximum permitted level mentioned in the Undesirable Substances Regulations shall not be mixed into another feed with the intention of diluting the undesirable substances or products.

If no maximum level of undesirable substances or products has been set for complementary feed, complementary feed shall not, taking into account the daily ration according to the instructions for its use, contain harmful substances or products at levels that exceed the level established for complete feed.

Section 12

Sampling for salmonella testing by business operators manufacturing feed materials

A feed business operator who manufactures feed materials for placing on the market from high-risk feed falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3 shall take at least one sample from the production environment per week, or one sample per every 50,000 kilograms, but at least three samples per year.

If the production of the feed material includes heat treatment, samples from the production environment shall be taken, as applicable, from the cooling system.

In addition to the provisions in subsection 1, at least one sample from the end product shall be taken per every 100,000 kilograms. The requirement to take samples from the end product shall not apply to wet feed.

The obligation to take samples from the production environment or the end product shall not apply to a business operator who only manufactures feed materials intended for feed for fur animals or pets or a business operator who only handles mechanically feed materials falling under the feed material category *cereal grains, seeds and fruits of oil plants or legume seeds* in Annex 3 without changing their state.

Section 13

Sampling for salmonella testing by business operators manufacturing compound feeds

A feed business operator who manufactures compound feeds for food-producing animals for placing on the market shall take a sample from the production environment at least once a week from each of the receiving and production lines separately where feed materials are received or compound feeds are manufactured from high-risk feed materials falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3.

Business operators that use steam to heat feed shall take a sample from each of the following points:

- 1) receiving lines or a receiving pit for bulk raw materials;
- 2) central dust remover or dust removal system of the receiving line;
- 3) cooler;
- 4) dust removal system of the cooler;

- 5) space where the cooler is located or where cooling air is taken;
- 6) bulk loading line.

Business operators other than those referred to in subsection 2 above shall take a sample at least once a week from each of the following points:

- 1) receiving lines for bulk raw materials;
- 2) mixing line;
- 3) dust removal system;
- 4) loading line.

The sampling points may be changed for each establishment on the basis of a risk assessment performed by the business operator. The Finnish Food Authority shall be notified of any changes and the grounds for them.

In addition to the provisions on taking samples from the production environment in subsections 1–3, the business operator shall take samples from the end product in connection with the loading of bulk feed.

The provisions in subsections 1–4 shall not, however, apply to a business operator who manufactures compound feeds for food-producing animals for placing on the market on a farm only from high-risk feed materials falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3 manufactured on the farm in question. The business operator in question shall take at least one sample from the production environment per every 50,000 kilograms, but at least three samples per year.

Section 14

Sampling for salmonella testing by mobile mixers

A mobile mixer that manufactures compound feed for food-producing animals for placing on the market from high-risk feed materials falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3 shall in its quality control take at least one sample per month from the production environment in each mixer vehicle. The samples shall be taken after the feed has been manufactured before the mixer vehicle is cleaned.

Section 15

Sampling for salmonella testing by transport companies

A transport company that transports high-risk feed materials falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3 and compound feeds containing these intended for feeding food-producing animals shall take at least one sample from the production environment in the cargo hold of each vehicle every other month. The samples shall be taken before the vehicle is cleaned.

The sampling obligation referred to in subsection 1 above shall not, however, apply to business operators that only transport packaged feed or feed materials falling under the feed material category *cereal grains* in Annex 3.

Section 16

Sampling for salmonella testing by storage companies

Storage companies that store bulk feed for food-producing animals shall take at least one sample from the production environment in an empty warehouse before the next receipt of a batch or lot of high-risk feed material falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3.

The sampling obligation also applies to feed mills that store high-risk feed materials falling under the feed material categories listed in Annex 3 before the testing and approval of the feed batches or lots in question for import or placing on the market.

The sampling obligation shall not apply to business operators that store feed materials falling under the feed material category *cereal grains, seeds and fruits of oil plants or legume seeds* in Annex 3.

Section 17

Sampling for salmonella testing by business operators engaged in internal market trade

A feed business operator who imports high-risk feeds for food-producing animals, fur animals or pets from the internal market shall take samples from the arriving feed batches or lots in accordance with the operator's risk-based quality assurance plan.

One sample from the feed batch or lot to be tested shall be taken per every 50,000 kilograms of

the feed batch or lot or, if the feed is intended directly to a mobile mixer or farm, one sample per every 25,000 kilograms of the feed batch or lot.

The sample shall be taken upon the arrival of the feed batch or lot using a suitable mechanical sampler or other appropriate sampling method. The sample shall be representative, being composed of several incremental samples taken from several different parts of the feed batch or lot. The sampler shall have sufficient expertise.

The sampling obligation shall not apply to the import of small quantities of feed for the feeding of animals owned or kept by the feed business operator.

Section 18

Storage and testing of samples from the production environment and feed

A feed business operator shall send all samples from the production environment and feed referred to in sections 12–17 of this Decree without delay to a laboratory approved in accordance with section 34 of the Feed Act or designated in accordance with section 37 of the Feed Act.

Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection 1, the samples from loading referred to in section 13 of this Decree shall be sent to the quality control laboratory for testing only if salmonella bacteria are detected in the sample from the production environment. Samples from the loading of bulk feed shall be stored for at least four months and samples from wet feed until the date of minimum durability of the feed.

Each sample from the production environment and feed shall be tested separately at the laboratory.

Section 19

Measures to be taken if salmonella is found in a sample from the production environment

If salmonella bacteria are found in a sample from the production environment taken in connection with the receipt, production, storage or loading of feed or other similar activities, the feed business operator shall, in addition to the provisions in section 25 of this Decree, ensure that the following measures are taken, as applicable:

- 1) tracing the source of salmonella bacteria in feed raw materials;
- 2) tracing the source of salmonella bacteria in the establishment;
- 3) enhanced sampling from the production environment to establish the extent of the salmonella infection;
- 4) enhanced sampling from feed;
- 5) enhanced cleaning and disinfection;
- 6) enhanced sampling from the production environment to assess the success of the cleaning and disinfection;
- 7) suspending feed production and distribution.

Section 20

Heat treatment of compound feeds

A feed business operator who manufactures compound feeds for laying hens, chickens for fattening and turkeys and for pigs and bovines shall ensure that the temperature of the compound feeds in question during granulation or other heat treatment is no less than 81°C or that the compound feed has been heated at a temperature of no less than 75°C for 10 minutes.

The heat treatment obligation shall not apply to a business operator with annual production of no more than six million kilograms or to a mobile mixer. The heat treatment obligation shall also not apply to mineral and vitamin complementary feed or to liquid or wet feed.

In addition to the provisions in subsection 2, the Finnish Food Authority may, upon application, grant a derogation from the heat treatment referred to in subsection 1 if it is a question of special feed for which heat treatment is not suitable owing to its texture or property.

Section 21

Application procedure for designating a laboratory

An application concerning the designation of a laboratory referred to in section 37 of the Feed Act shall include the following information:

- 1) name and address and other contact information of the business operator;

- 2) customer number of the business operator;
- 3) name and address and other contact information of the laboratory;
- 4) name of the person responsible for testing in the laboratory;
- 5) method to be used in testing for salmonella bacteria;
- 6) quality assurance system in accordance with the EN/ISO standard;
- 7) name and address and other contact information of the body that certified the quality assurance system;
- 8) time when the activities are to be started.

An account of the fulfilment of the conditions laid down for the designation shall be attached to the application.

Chapter 5

Feed labels and recording of information

Section 22

Pet foods

When indicating the feed materials of compound feeds for pets, the name of the group to which the feed material belongs may be used in the labelling instead of the name of the individual feed material.

The feed material groups referred to in subsection 1 shall be indicated in accordance with Annex 5 to this Decree.

Section 23

Indication of energy and protein value

The Natural Resources Institute Finland publishes the calculation criteria and feed tables on its website.

The values in the feed tables or values calculated on the basis of the nutritional composition specified for a feed material may be indicated as the energy and protein value of the feed

material. The criteria presented in the feed table and, for the protein value of ruminant feed (protein absorbed from the small intestine), the proportion of degradable protein given in the feed table shall be used in the calculation. The energy value of roughage for ruminants and horses may also be calculated on the basis of the content of digestible organic matter (DOM).

The energy value of compound feed shall be determined and indicated as follows:

- 1) calculated energy values of compound feeds intended for ruminants and horses shall be based on the sum of the energy values of the individual feed materials contained in the compound feed, and they may be indicated as metabolisable energy;
- 2) calculated energy values of compound feeds intended for pigs shall be based on the sum of the energy values of the individual feed materials contained in the compound feed, and they may be indicated as net energy;
- 3) energy values of compound feeds intended for poultry and fur animals shall be determined on the basis of the results of an analysis of certain nutrients in the compound feed, and they may be indicated as metabolisable energy.

The calculated protein values of compound feeds intended for pigs, ruminants, horses and fur animals shall be based on the sum of the protein values of the feed materials contained in the compound feeds.

A feed business operator shall keep records of information on the nutritional composition determined for feed materials and report these to the Finnish Food Authority upon request if the determined nutritional compositions are used in the calculation instead of the values in the feed tables.

The indication of the energy and protein value in feed is voluntary.

Section 24

Recording of information

(71/2022)

A feed business operator shall keep a file on information relating to the operator's activities in accordance with section 21 of the Feed Act. The file shall be kept in writing, using an automatic data processing system or in another similar manner.

A business operator in the primary production of feed shall keep records, as applicable, on matters covered by Annex 6 to this Decree. In addition, provisions on the recording obligation of a keeper of a food-producing animal concerning medicated feed are laid down in Article 108 of the Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation.

Provisions on the record keeping obligation of a business operator other than one in the primary production of feed are laid down in Annex II to the Feed Hygiene Regulation. Provisions on the recording obligation of business operators that dispatch, transport or receive animal by-products are laid down in the Animal By-Products Regulation. Provisions on the recording obligation of feed business operators that supply milk products for feeding food-producing animals are laid down in the Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on Animal By-Products (783/2015).

Provisions on the recording obligation of feed business operators that manufacture, transport or place on the market medicated feeds are laid down in Section 6 of Annex I to the Medicated Feed Regulation.

A feed business operator shall store the file specified in Annex 6 to this Decree, Article 108 of the Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation, Annex II to the Feed Hygiene Regulation and Section 6 of Annex I to the Medicated Feed Regulation for at least five years. By way of derogation from the above, recordings related to the use of biocides shall be kept for at least one year. Provisions on storing the file concerning the recording of the use of plant protection products are laid down separately in Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC.

Chapter 6

Miscellaneous provisions

Section 25

Cooperation with the Finnish Food Authority

A feed business operator shall take appropriate measures and cooperate with the Finnish Food Authority to prevent risks caused by feed in a situation where there is cause to suspect that the feed or its production, preparation or distribution stage does not fulfil the requirements concerning feed safety.

A business operator shall cooperate with the Finnish Food Authority when the maximum levels of

cross-contamination for active substances in non-target feed are exceeded and to establish the sources of undesirable substances, products and organisms in feeds when their maximum levels in feeds laid down in Annex I to the Undesirable Substances Regulations are exceeded, when increased levels are detected as laid down in Annex II to the Regulations in question, or when salmonella bacteria are found in feed. (71/2022)

A business operator shall give an account to the Finnish Food Authority of the storage, identification, reprocessing and disposal of a feed batch or lot which does not fulfil the feed safety requirements and of the action taken in case of contamination

A business operator shall ensure that, where necessary, the feeds are rendered harmless using procedures approved by the Finnish Food Authority, and that no salmonella bacteria are present in the feeds that have been rendered harmless and they comply with Annex I to the Undesirable Substances Regulations.

Section 26

Permit application for using an unauthorised feed additive

A permit referred to in section 23 of the Feed Act shall be applied for no later than two months before the planned experiment is started.

The permit application shall include the following information:

- 1) name and address and other contact information of the applicant and person responsible for the experiment;
- 2) customer number of the applicant and person responsible for the experiment or, if none exists, the business or company identification number or, if none exists, personal identity code or farm identification number;
- 3) purpose of the experiment;
- 4) time of the experiment;
- 5) place of the experiment;
- 6) substance to be tested;
- 7) experiment design;
- 8) contact information of the manufacturer of the test feed;
- 9) farmed animals to be used;

- 10) production and feeding of the test feeds;
- 11) handling of leftover test feed;
- 12) parameters to be measured;
- 13) summary of information available on the substance to be tested;
- 14) estimate of the risk to consumers if a product of animal origin is intended to be used as food;
- 15) estimate of the risk to animals or the environment if the product of animal origin is intended to be used as by-products or derived products referred to in the Animal By-Products Regulation.

Detailed requirements for tests concerning the efficacy of an additive are laid down in Section IV of Annex II and Annex III to the Application Guidelines Regulation.

The Finnish Food Authority may for a justified reason and on a case-by-case basis require that information other than that referred to in subsection 2 shall also be indicated.

Section 27

Annual notification obligation of a feed business operator and an on-farm feed manufacturing unit

(new section added by Act 71/2022)

A feed business operator who manufactures feed, imports feed from the internal market or third countries or an on-farm feed manufacturing unit shall provide the annual notification to the Finnish Food Authority as specified in section 19 of the Feed Act.

In addition to information concerning feed, a notification concerning medicated feed by a feed business operator and an on-farm feed manufacturing unit shall specify the veterinary medicinal products used in the manufacture of medicated feed and their quantities.

Section 27

Entry into force

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2021.

This Decree repeals the Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on the Pursuit of Activities in the Animal Feed Sector 548/2012.

71/2022

This Decree enters into force on 28 January 2022.

ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION

Chapter

- I: Activities referred to in section 4, subsection 1, paragraph 1 of this Decree concerning a business operator in primary production:
- a) production of feed;
 - b) mixing of feed; and
 - c) use of feed¹.

Chapter

- II: Activities referred to in section 4, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of this Decree concerning a business operator other than one in primary production:
- 1) manufacturer of additives²;
 - 2) manufacturer of premixtures;
 - 3) manufacturer of feed materials;
 - 4) manufacturer of compound feeds;
 - 5) mobile mixer;
 - 6) retail trade³;
 - 7) wholesale trade;
 - 8) storage company, bulk feed;
 - 9) storage company, packaged feed;
 - 10) transport company, bulk feed;
 - 11) transport company, packaged feed;
 - 12) importer within the internal market;
 - 13) importer, third-country representative⁴;
 - 14) other placer on the market;
 - 15) exporter;
 - 16) manufacturer of feed intended for particular nutritional purposes;
 - 17) detoxification establishment;
 - 18) manufacturer of medicated feed;
 - 19) retailer of medicated feed;
 - 20) on-farm mixer of medicated feed.

Chapter

- III: Product types referred to in section 4, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of this Decree concerning a business operator other than one in primary production:
- 1) pet foods (including food for wild birds);
 - 2) by-products and derived products; Category 2; classification according to the Animal By-Products Regulation;
 - 3) by-products and derived products; Category 3; classification according to the Animal By-Products Regulation;
 - 4) fishmeal and feeds containing fishmeal (including dicalcium phosphate and tricalcium phosphate of animal origin, blood products and blood meal);
 - 5) feeds for food-producing animals;
 - 6) feeds for fur animals;
 - 7) medicated feeds⁵.

¹ If milk replacer feed containing fishmeal is fed to unweaned food-producing ruminants, this shall be reported separately to the Finnish Food Authority in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 956/2008 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

² Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on additives for use in animal nutrition.

³ The registration obligation does not apply to business operators that only pursue the retail trade of pet foods.

⁴ A feed business operator that imports products referred to in Annex 4 to this Decree to Finland.

⁵ Medicated feeds may be manufactured or re-sold only by business operators approved separately for this purpose.

PART A

STRUCTURE OF THE APPROVAL NUMBER REFERRED TO SECTION 7

| 1. | 2. | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
|----|----|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | One character is used to show if a manufacturer of additives | One character is used to show if a manufacturer of certain feeds intended for particular nutritional purposes | One character is used to show if a manufacturer of compound feed | One character is used to show if a placer on the market | One character is used to show if a manufacturer and placer on the market of certain products derived from vegetable oils, blended oils and blended fats for feed use | Three digits are reserved for the serial number |

1. The symbol “α” shows that the feed business establishment has been approved
2. ISO code of the Member State, which is FI for Finland
3. National reference number including no more than eight alphanumerical characters
- 3.1. The first character is 1 if the establishment is a manufacturer of additives mentioned in paragraph 1 of Annex 4 to this Decree, otherwise 2
- 3.2. The second character is 1 if the establishment is a manufacturer of premixtures from additives mentioned in paragraph 2.1 or feeds intended for particular nutritional purposes mentioned in paragraph 2.2 of Annex 4 to this Decree, otherwise 2
- 3.3. The third character is 1 if the establishment is a user of additives mentioned in paragraph 3 of Annex 4 to this Decree or premixtures containing these in manufacturing compound feed. The third character is 3 if the establishment is a manufacturer of medicated feed, otherwise 2.
- 3.4. The fourth character is 1 if the establishment is a placer on the market of additives mentioned in Annex 4 to this Decree or premixtures containing these. The fourth character is 3 if the establishment is a placer on the market of medicated feed, otherwise 2
- 3.5. The fifth character is 1 if the establishment practises operations under paragraph 10 of Annex II to the Feed Hygiene Regulation, otherwise 0
- 3.6. - 3.8 Three digits give the serial number of an individual establishment

PART B

STRUCTURE OF THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REFERRED TO IN SECTION 7

1. ISO code
2. 8 digits are reserved for the serial number

1. The ISO code of the Member State or third country where the production establishment is located

2. National reference number including no more than eight alphanumerical characters

**FEED MATERIAL CATEGORIES INCLUDING HIGH-RISK FEEDS REFERRED TO
IN SECTIONS 12–17**

| Feed material category | Examples of feeds falling under the category |
|--|---|
| Cereal grains | Oats, barley, rye, wheat, rice, maize |
| Products and by-products obtained from cereal grains ¹⁾ | Wheat gluten, bran, middlings, maize gluten, maize starch, distillers' grains, brewers' grains |
| Seeds and fruits of oil plants | Groundnut, soya bean, sunflower seeds, rape seeds, turnip rape seeds, cotton seeds, flax seeds and sesame seeds |
| Products and by-products obtained from seeds and fruits of oil plants ²⁾ | Rapeseed, turnip rape seed, coconut, palm and soya expellers, meals and proteins |
| Legume seeds, and products and by-products obtained from them | Pea middlings |
| Other seeds and fruits, and products and by-products obtained from them ²⁾ | By-products and mass from pressing (e.g. citrus pulp) |
| Products and by-products obtained from terrestrial animals ³⁾ | Pig meal, poultry meal, insect meal |
| Fish, other aquatic animals, and products and by-products obtained from them ⁴⁾ | Fishmeal |

1) The sampling obligation does not apply to hydrolysed by-products of cereal starch (e.g. barley molasses) or to products and by-products obtained from cereal starch saccharification (dextrose, glucose molasses, etc.). The sampling obligation does also not apply to products and dough from the bakery industry.

2) The sampling obligation does not apply to vegetable oils

3) The sampling obligation applies to processed animal protein obtained from porcine animals, processed animal protein obtained from poultry and processed animal protein obtained from farmed insects

4) The sampling obligation does not apply to fish oil

PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 10, SUBSECTION 2**1. ADDITIVES**

- 1.1 Technological additives:
- additives falling under category 1(b) (“antioxidants”) of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 with a confirmed maximum concentration
- 1.2 Sensory additives:
- additives falling under category 2(a) (“colourants”) of Annex I to Regulation (EC) 1831/2003: carotenoids and xanthophylls
- 1.3 Nutritional additives:
- all additives falling under category 3 in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003
- 1.4 Zootechnical additives:
- all additives falling under category 4 in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003
- 1.5 Category of coccidiostats and histomonostats:
- all additives

2. PREMIXTURES

- 2.1 Nutritional additives:
- additives falling under category 3(a) (“vitamins, provitamins and chemically well-defined substances having similar effect”) in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003: A and D
 - additives falling under category 3(b) (“compounds of trace elements”) in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003: Cu and Se
- 2.2 Zootechnical additives:
- additives falling under category 4(d) (“other zootechnical additives”) in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003
- 2.3 Category of coccidiostats and histomonostats:
- all additives

3. COMPOUND FEEDS

3.1. Zootechnical additives:

- additives falling under category 4(d) (“other zootechnical additives”) in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

3.1 Category of coccidiostats and histomonostats:

- all additives

**FEED MATERIAL GROUPS THAT MAY BE USED INSTEAD OF THE NAME
OF INDIVIDUAL FEED MATERIALS IN COMPOUND FEEDS FOR PETS**

| | Feed material group | Definition |
|-----|---|--|
| 1. | Meat products and products of animal origin | Fresh or suitably preserved fleshy parts obtained from warm-blooded terrestrial animals and preparations and products originating from the processing of the carcasses or parts of carcasses of warm-blooded terrestrial animals |
| 2. | Milk and milk preparations | Fresh or suitably processed preparations and by-products generated by their processing |
| 3. | Eggs and egg preparations | Fresh or suitably processed egg preparations and by-products generated by their processing |
| 4. | Fats and oils | Animal and plant fats and oils |
| 5. | Yeasts | Killed and dried yeast cells |
| 6. | Fish and fish products | Fresh or suitably preserved fish or parts of fish and by-products generated by their processing |
| 7. | Cereals | Cereals, irrespective of the degree of grinding, or products manufactured from starchy endosperm |
| 8. | Vegetables | Fresh or suitably preserved vegetables and legumes |
| 9. | Products of plant origin | Products particularly generated by the processing of cereals, vegetables, legumes and oil plant seeds |
| 10. | Protein concentrates of plant origin | Products of plant origin where the protein has been enriched through processing to make a concentrate with at least 50% raw protein of dry matter and where it has been possible to modify the protein structure |
| 11. | Minerals | Inorganic substances suitable for animal feed |
| 12. | Sugars | Various sugars |
| 13. | Fruits | Fresh or suitably preserved fruits |
| 14. | Nuts | Nut kernels |
| 15. | Seeds | Seeds, whole or coarsely ground |
| 16. | Marine algae | Fresh or suitably preserved marine algae |
| 17. | Molluscs and crustaceans | Fresh or suitably preserved molluscs, crustaceans, marine animals in shell, and by-products generated by their processing |
| 18. | Insects | Insects and their different development stages |
| 19. | Bakery products | Breads, cakes, biscuits and pasta preparations |

RECORDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A BUSINESS OPERATOR IN PRIMARY PRODUCTION REFERRED TO IN SECTION 24

- a) For feeds for animals intended for food production¹⁾ for each species and group of animal:
- name or type of the feed²⁾ and quantity of the feed
 - name and address of the feed seller/supplier, the date of supply of the feed and the identification number of the feed warehouse to which the feed in question was delivered³⁾
 - date when the use of feed was stopped if the use involves a withholding period
 - indication of medicated feed
- b) For feed sold/supplied from the farm:
- name or type of the feed and quantity of the feed
 - name and address of the buyer/recipient of the feed and the date of supply of the feed
- c) Results of samples taken from the feed
- d) For the use of plant protection products and biocides:
- plant protection product or biocide used and its quantity
 - date of use

The recording requirement concerning feeds can also be met by saving the receipts of purchase and/or sale or other similar supporting documents, including parcel-specific recording requirements, provided that they show the information required above.

The recording requirement concerning test results on feeds can be met by saving the test certificates obtained from these.

¹⁾ also applies to feed manufactured on the farm

²⁾ e.g. rapeseed meal

³⁾ The processing industry has drawn up guidelines on the labelling necessary to identify feed warehouses and on their use on livestock farms. The guidelines are available on the website of the Animal Health ETT at www.ett.fi (in Finnish). Compliance with the guidelines is voluntary.