

ANIMAL FEED RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

For farmers who produce, use, grow or sell animal feed

The EC Feed Hygiene Regulation includes record-keeping requirements for farmers in relation to animal feed produced, used, grown or sold.

Good records help protect you and your business in the event of an animal feed or related human food safety incident and are essential in order to quickly trace the origins of any problem.

Most of the information you need to keep will already be available as invoices, receipts, spray records etc., or as part of the requirements of farm assurance schemes and you should not need to create many new records.

If you do need to record additional information, you may find it useful to complete a farm diary or notebook.

The record-keeping requirements are set out below, together with examples of documents that can be kept to help you meet these requirements.

The source and quantity of each input of feed and destination and quantity for each output of feed (e.g. description of feed used, produced or sold, quantity, batch number, date received/sold, supplier/customer).

- *Examples of documents to keep: invoices, receipts, delivery notes, feed labels.*

The use of any plant protection products and biocides (This includes herbicides, pesticides, rat baits, fly sprays, and disinfectants and examples of information to be kept include the name and date of use of products, together with pests, crops or areas treated).

- *Examples of documents to keep: invoices, receipts, delivery notes, spray records, treatment and baiting records.*

Any occurrence of pests and diseases that may affect the safety of primary products (e.g. on crops grown for feed use) **and records on measures to control hazards** (e.g. pest control systems and cleaning programmes).

- *Examples of documents to keep: a farm diary, washing and cleaning protocols, records of treatments (e.g. application of fumigants), rat baiting diagrams, relevant invoices, receipts and statements from contractors.*

The results of any laboratory analyses on samples of feeds that may have importance for feed safety (e.g. for mercury, lead).

- *Examples of documents to keep: feed labels and details of any analyses undertaken.*

Use of genetically modified (GM) seeds (note: no GM seeds are authorised for commercial planting in the UK at present).

- *Examples of documents to keep: seed labels, invoices.*

Records should be retained until it is likely that products (e.g. milk, meat, eggs) have been consumed, in some cases this may be several years.

More information is available by phoning the Animal Feed Branch of the Food Standards Agency on 020 7276 8609.