

To: Lead Feed Officers,
Trading Standards Managers
cc: SFELC, SCOTSS

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Dear Colleague

Feed Delivery Update – Sampling, Equipment and Training 2020-21

In order to support local authorities with feed delivery prior to the change in competent authority in 2021. We are looking to carry out the following range of measures during the remainder of 2020 and early 2021.

1. Sampling Grants

We are currently in discussion with the four Agricultural Analysts to develop a sampling plan and funding arrangements. In order to develop the sampling programme for Scotland, we ask that you complete the form attached at the end of this letter and return it to feed@fss.scot by Friday 6 November 2020.

We ask that authorities apply for no more than **15 informal samples** across the four priority areas. It is not necessary for samples to be taken from all four areas, as this will depend on accessibility to feed businesses in your area.

Similar to last year, additional sampling request will also be considered on a case by case basis, but limited to 6 samples per LA.

Authorities will be required to input the samples on to the Scottish Food Sampling Database (SFSD), formerly known as UKFSS. Should this present a problem, please notify Food Standards Scotland.

2. Sampling Equipment

Food Standards Scotland would intend to support partner authorities replace any worn and damaged sampling equipment. This initiative of old for new equipment will be available on a first come, first served basis subject to availability of funds.

At present we are constructing a list of sampling equipment that may be used for carrying the future delivery of official feed controls. If you have any interest in receiving further information about renewing sampling equipment please could you register a note of interest detailing by email to feed@fss.scot by Friday 6 November 2020.

3. Training

In light of the ever changing situation with COVID-19, we have had to postpone planned on farm feed training events and any future face to face training will depend on the updated Scottish Government guidance. However, we are in the process of finalising online training options and the initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive for this type of event. If you have any additional feed training requests please could you email John.Scott@gov.scot

Yours sincerely



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Food Standards Scotland

Sampling Grant Form: Please complete and return to feed@fss.scot by Friday 6 November 2020.

Local Authority									
Lead Feed Officer									
Preferred Contact									
Sample type	Raw pet food microbiological exam		Imported feed - aflatoxins		Compound feed – compositional analysis		Salmonella in animal feed (non pet food)		
Collection Period	Q3	Q4	Q3	Q4	Q3	Q4	Q3	Q4	
Number of samples									
Additional sample requests:									