

Feed Issues

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General News

IGFA Annual Feed Dinner

Thanks to all those for their attendance & participation in what was a very successful 45th igfa dinner. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to the event



including the Ambassador of Brazil, USDA and GAFTA representatives, sister trade organisations from Bristol, Belfast and AIC and our Regulators Pamela Byrne from FSAI, Louise Byrne and Paul Kiernan from DAFM and Keith Millar FSA UK.

Pre-Dinner workshop



We also wish to thank Eugene Philhower, US SOYA BEAN COUNCIL for hosting the pre workshop,

Rory Deverell for excellent presentation and look forward to your suggestions for a similar event at the 46th annual feed dinner.

IGFA web site - relaunch

Visit www.igfa.ie to see our revised website. There is a specific page for members only. Click on Log in option and input password **igfa2018**. You will be able to download any edition feed issues, import figures, background feed levels etc.



Creed Announces CAP 2020 Consultation process

"Vital Opportunity to hear the views of Irish Citizens on a future CAP". The consultation process will be open for an eight-week period from Friday 26 January 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018. As part of this consultation process, Minister Creed intends to hold a series of six public meetings to consider the future of the Common Agricultural Policy. Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD and Minister Creed will between them attend and address all of the meetings.

See [link](#) for more info. **The meetings will be an important part of the Department's consultation process. Details of the public meetings are as follows: -**

Date	Time	Location	Attended by
Monday 5 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Talbot Hotel, Portlaoise Road, Carlow.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD
Monday 12 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co Cork	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Tuesday 13 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co Meath	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Wednesday 14 th February	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Tuesday 20 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD
Wednesday 21 st February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, Co Mayo.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD

GMP+ Early warning

On 17th January GMP+ International advised companies to be alert to possible contamination with lead in **manganese oxide** produced in India and products derived thereof. GMP+ International has been informed that this incident is limited to two batches of manganese oxide. The producer (FAMI-QS certified) in India delivered these two batches only to the French trading company (FAMI-QS certified). The French trading company has already informed customers and started a recall. GMP+ International has no reason to believe that more contaminated batches of manganese oxide or products derived thereof have been distributed into the GMP+ chain. Conclusion: GMP+ International will close this case.

Lamb carcass - elevated dioxin level discovered

The discovery of a lamb carcass with an elevated dioxin level is being investigated by authorities. DAFM and the FSAI have both said the contaminated lamb does not pose a public health risk but is being investigated as a matter of procedure, following routine sampling of the food chain in the production process.

Information so far suggests that the feed (at the farm) did not come from Southern Ireland.

Nevertheless, when it comes to dioxin, feed will always be the starting point for an investigation. It is prudent for FBOs to take this opportunity to review their risk analysis of supplier and supplies for Dioxin incidents. e.g. Fat and oil supplier controls, premix/mineral supplier controls, high moisture feed materials that undergo direct drying, traceability etc.

Note: Commission Reg. 225/2012 and later (EU) 2015/1905 introduced additional requirements to those set out in the EC Feed Hygiene Regulation (183/2005) to help avoid contamination of feed oils and fats by dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs. See [link](#) for consolidated version.

FBOs must use their own knowledge and experience to inform their risk management decisions. This responsibility is central to feed hygiene EU Regulation 183/2005.

Your attention is drawn to the well-publicised incidents of dumping of hazardous waste in the border area, the letter issued to Louth farmers in 2015 and the experience you all gained with the bread meal incident in 2008.

Fodder Crisis

Farmers can now apply for aid under the Fodder Transport Support Measure 2018, launched by Minister Michael Creed. The scheme is aimed to give targeted support to farmers in the west/northwest and addressing a significant, verified forage shortage on those farms.

Forage	Bale Size	Transport support per bale
Hay/Straw	4x4	€8.00
Haylage/Silage	4x4	€12.00
Hay/Straw	8x4x4	€14.00
Hay/Straw	8x4x3	€12.00
Haylage/silage	8x4x3	€17.00
Hay/Straw	6x3x2	€3.00

See [link](#) for the following relevant documentation

- ✓ Frequently asked questions
- ✓ Fodder Transport Support Measure 2018, Terms and Conditions
- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ **Sample FAS Advisor budget form**

Dates

- Feb 2nd** [Spring Economic briefing Wexford](#)
- Feb 6th** [Spring Economic briefing Cork City](#)
- Feb 9th** [Spring Economic briefing Athenry](#)
- Feb 13th** [Spring Economic briefing Limerick](#)
- Feb 16th** [Spring Economic briefing Clonakilty](#)
- Feb 22nd** [Spring Economic briefing Mayo](#)
- Feb 23rd** [Spring Economic briefing Navan](#)
- Feb 28th** [Spring Economic briefing Donegal](#)
- March 6/7th** [Feed Protein Vision 2018 Amsterdam](#)
- March 12/14th** [World Mycotoxin Forum Amsterdam](#)
- March 20/21st** Fefac Premix and Animal Nutrition committee meetings

Consultations/ Websites

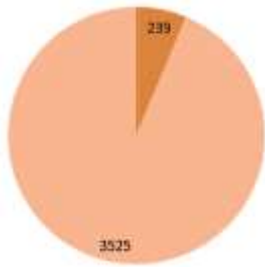
[DAFM Trader Notices](#) | [DAFM Registered & Approved FBO's](#) | [DAFM FBO forms](#)

RASFF Summary 1st-31st January

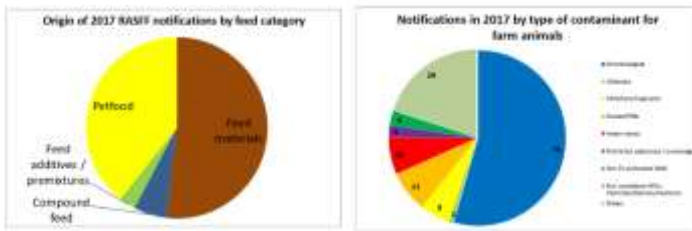
Total	261	<i>Feed Premixtures</i>	0
		<i>Feed additives</i>	1
Food	228	<i>Feed material</i>	16
		<i>Animal By products</i>	0
Food contact materials	12	<i>Compound Feed</i>	2
		<i>Herbs & Spices</i>	0
Feed Total	21	<i>Pet food</i>	2

Technical News

RASFF Summary notifications 2017



239 feed related notifications were sent to the RASFF in 2017, 61% for feed for farmed animals and 39% for petfood. This is 14% more than in 2016 and represents 6% of all notifications to the RASFF (feed, petfood and food).



Analysis by type

□ 145 notifications related to feed for farmed animals, 11 alerts, 19 border rejections, 115 information's for follow-up or attention.

□ Out of the 11 alerts issued, 5 related to botanical contaminants (ragweed and *Crotalaria* in various crops), 2 to *Salmonella* (Aragona in feed additives, Mikawasima in compound feed), 2 to mycotoxins (thereof 1 for too high levels of aflatoxins in rice bran and one suspicion of death of fish due to mycotoxins), 1 to unauthorised processing on the EU market of GM biomass destined to export (see chapter III) and 1 on too high levels of heavy metals (arsenic and lead) in complementary feed.

□ The number of notifications regarding feed for farmed animals related to microbiological contamination (mostly *Salmonella*) in feed materials decreased by 10% compared to 2016 but represent still more than half the notifications. **It must be reminded that, at the present stage, there is no EU harmonised legal standard for microbiological contaminants in feed (except for processed animal proteins), which means that the vast majority of notifications on microbiological contamination relate to non-compliance with national standards.** This explains also why the 60 notifications for *Salmonella* contamination of feed for food producing animals other than from animal origin are made by 13 EU countries only, thereof Finland, Sweden and Germany representing together 2/3 of these notifications.

□ When excluding microbiological contamination, 66 notifications related to feed for farmed animals were made in 2017, i.e. 43% more than in 2016. The difference is mainly due to the 17 notifications related

to suspicion of fraud regarding the presence of urea in fodder yeast (see part III of the present note).

□ The number of notifications of information by Member States concerning the detection of non-authorized animal proteins remained significant in 2017, with 8 notifications related to the presence of ruminant DNA in fish meal or fish feed, although in significant reduction compared to 2015 (21).

□ **Since September 2012, oils and fats and their derivatives are subject to intensive monitoring for dioxins, with the most at-risk products subject to 100% control.** The RASFF is therefore exhaustive in terms of non-compliances for the at-risk feed materials. In 2017, out of the 11 notifications made for too high levels of dioxins/PCBs, only one concerned a product subject to 100% monitoring, which proves that the chain has achieved an excellent level of control of the dioxin risk in oils and fats and their derivatives. However, progress remains to be made with the control of the risk of dioxin formation during drying especially in Third Countries, especially India: 6 of the 11 incidents with dioxins/PCBs concerned indeed dried feed materials, thereof 4 involving dried herbs. Other incidents concerned feed additives (trace element compounds and bentonite).

□ The number of notifications concerning heavy metals (10) is stable vs. previous years, whereas those related to prohibited substances (3) is historically low and concerns presence of residues of antibiotics, unauthorised silage agent and pesticide residues.

□ 4 cases of non-EU authorised GM were reported, thereof 3 concerning cotton seeds from Argentina and one concerning the non-permitted processing in the EU of GM biomass destined to export.

UCD – Barley Research

We would like to draw your attention to recent research conducted by Professor John Doherty and his colleagues in UCD. The study investigates the effect of dietary supplementation of a β -glucanase and β -xylanase enzyme mix to barley based diets, at two different chemical compositions achieved through different agronomical conditions on growth performance, coefficient of apparent total tract digestibility (CATTD) of nutrients, selected faecal microbial populations and faecal scores in piglets.

In conclusion, the higher quality barley-based diet showed beneficial effects on the faecal *Lactobacillus* spp. population and faecal scores of the piglets; however, the higher level of β -glucans in the diet decreased nutrient digestibility and subsequently decreased the performance.

See www.igfa.ie members log in for access to the full paper (PASSWORD igfa2018)

Feed Dinner 2018







