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THE RULES OF THE POSITIVE LIST

apply to the manufacture of feed materials and compound feeds in Finland for the consumption of farmed animals – including fur animals – as well as to the import of such products from the EU internal market and from outside the EU. Companies report any essential changes in their operations to ETT.

Feed operators that are accepted to the positive list commit to complying with the following rules in their activities:

1. Samples of imported feed materials and compound feeds (Appendix 1) for farmed animals are taken in Finland before the feed is taken into use.

Samples are taken from each imported batch to analyse for salmonella in accordance with Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira's instructions for sample taking. The samples are taken by an inspector authorised by Evira or by a sampler with sufficient expertise. The samples are analysed for salmonella at a laboratory approved by Evira or at a laboratory that uses an accredited method to test feed for salmonella. The feed can only be used when the salmonella test returns a negative result.

2. Companies have quality contracts related to transporting and storing animal feed or a regular auditing procedure for transportation and storage.
3. Salmonella findings:
 - a. If salmonella is found in an imported batch of feed, the batch is treated in accordance with the regulations of the competent authority (Evira).
 - b. Feed operators report to ETT if salmonella is found in a sample taken as part of statutory control, either official or own control. The report must include information about the sampling target, the sampling date, the salmonella serotype and the feed batch in question (name of feed, date of manufacture, batch number (if applicable), batch size, etc.) as well as the measures taken as a result of the findings.
 - i. Findings related to feed samples are reported immediately.
 - ii. Findings related to environmental samples are reported when they are recurring:
 1. More than one sampling location tests positive during the same sampling round
 2. Positive findings in consecutive samples taken from the same sampling location or in samples within a short space of time
 3. Recurrent findings of the same salmonella serotype

On the basis of reports and additional clarification, ETT's officials and the feed operator in question will evaluate the sufficiency of the measures and the need for any additional measures, taking into account the official actions taken by Evira. ETT's officials have an obligation to uphold the professional confidentiality of the information reported by individual companies.

4. Feed operators on the positive list do not import porcine plasma or feeds containing it due to the risk of porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED).
5. If any company on the positive list does not comply with these rules, the case will be referred to ETT's executive committee.

Additionally:

1. ETT may make risk-based inspection visits at its own expense on the basis of reported test results. Companies on the positive list can purchase consulting and advisory services from ETT in relation to animal-feed hygiene.
2. Feed operators should note that the probative value of test results as evidence in the event of any discrepancies may be affected by the choice of sampler or testing laboratory.
3. Companies on the positive list commit to supporting ETT's activities by paying an annual supporting members' fee. The size of the fee is determined during ETT's annual meeting.

Appendix 1: Salmonella analysis / import of feed for farmed animals

- Cereal grain and derivative products and by-products ¹⁾
- Seeds and fruits of oilseed plants and derivative products and by-products²⁾
- Seeds and fruits of legumes and derivative products and by-products
- Other seeds and fruits and derivative products and by-products ²⁾
- Products and by-products derived from animals ³⁾
- Compound feeds ⁴⁾

¹⁾ The obligation to take samples does not apply to hydrolysed grain starch by-products (such as barley molasses) or products and by-products of the grain starch sugaring process (dextrose, glucose molasses, etc.)

²⁾ The obligation to take samples does not apply to vegetable oils

³⁾ The obligation to take samples does not apply to fish oils

⁴⁾ The obligation to take samples does not apply to mineral feeds that do not contain organic ingredients, nor does it apply to premixes in which the carrier is a mineral compound