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Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Trader Notice 07/2022

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Re: Prohibited materials in animal feed

To: Manufacturers

Suppliers of surplus food and by-products

Importers

Food recyclers

Irish Grain and Feed Association

Feed business operators are reminded of their obligations, including but not limited to the issues outlined below:

- Surplus food must not contain or consist of materials that are prohibited in animal feed (Article 6, Regulation (EC) No 767/2009). Packaging is one such material that is prohibited (Annex III, Regulation (EC) No 767/2009). There is no tolerance set in EU legislation for the presence of packaging materials in animal feed. Therefore, all packaging materials including but not limited to plastic, paper and tinfoil must be manually or mechanically removed from all surplus food prior to being placed on the market as animal feed.
- Failure to remove packaging material from surplus food will result in consignments of surplus food being detained and removed from the market by authorised officers of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).
- Hauliers transporting surplus food must be registered with DAFM as feed business operators (Article 9, Regulation (EC) No 183/2005).
- Surplus food containing animal by-products (for example, milk/dairy, eggs or products containing those) being imported from a Third Country must be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate(s). Please refer to TN 06/2022 for further information.
- Surplus food must not be placed on the market or fed to food-producing animals if it is unsafe. Please refer to Trader Notice 01/2021 regarding responsibilities of feed business operators.

If you require any further information in relation to this Trader Notice, please email

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