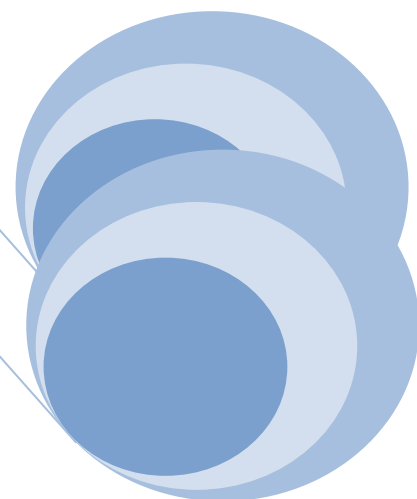
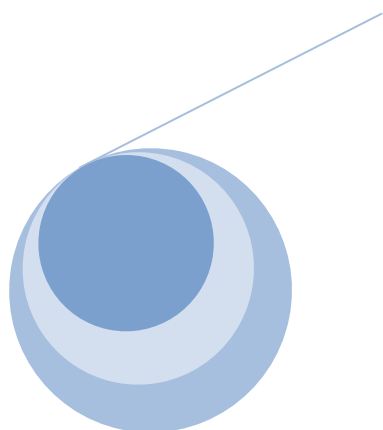


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The holder of an approval or the owner, operator or person in charge of a food business approved under Regulation 4 of the above regulations (“an approval”) shall have available a copy of, and be conversant with, the provisions of the European Communications (Food and Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 432 of 2009), and shall ensure compliance (inter alia) with the following conditions which are attached to the Certificate of Approval:

1. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

All activities shall be undertaken in compliance with the Regulations.

2. PLANT REQUIREMENTS

(a) The plant must have storage rooms with hard floors and smooth walls that are easy to clean and disinfect and, where appropriate, provided with refrigeration facilities.

(b) The storage rooms must be kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and repair, so that they do not constitute a source of contamination for the raw materials.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES (SOPs)

Documented Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) shall be developed in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Hygiene Practice (GHP) to address all plant activities and operational processes or tasks.

4. MAINTENANCE AUDIT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAMME

A maintenance audit shall be carried out and updated at times to be specified (the timescale for updating the maintenance audit shall be agreed to by the Regional Veterinary Officer), including a time-dated corrective action programme, where appropriate, to ensure that all structures, fittings and equipment are maintained in food grade condition.

5. CHANGES AT ESTABLISHMENTS

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine must always be furnished with up-to-date information on establishments. The Department is to be advised, at the earliest opportunity, of any intended change in management, operations, structures or ownership of an establishment. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension/revocation of an existing approval or delay in granting approval in the event of a change in ownership.

6. CERTIFICATION

There shall be in place systems to allow for the transparent verification of certification, where such certification is requested.

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7. COMPLIANCE WITH REASONABLE DIRECTIONS

Food business operators shall comply with all reasonable directions issued by an authorised officer for the purposes of these Regulations.

8. DOCUMENTATION

Operators must retain the following documentation;

1. **Intake log** for all consignments of hides/skins delivered to the plant consisting of
 - a. Name, address and EU approval number of slaughter plant of origin
 - b. Date of receipt of hides/skins
 - c. Quantity of hides/skins
 - d. Types of hides/skins
 - e. Name and address of transporter
2. **Cleanliness Verification SOP**
3. **Dispatch log**
 - a. Name and address of consignee
 - b. Date of dispatch
 - c. Number of hides/skins dispatched
4. **Reconciliation record for all hides/skins accepted & dispatched during each month**
5. **Documented pest control programme**
6. **Plant sanitation programme**
7. **Personnel sanitation SOP**
8. **Personnel training programme.**

NOTE: All records must be accessible to DAFM and must be kept for a minimum of 3 years.

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