

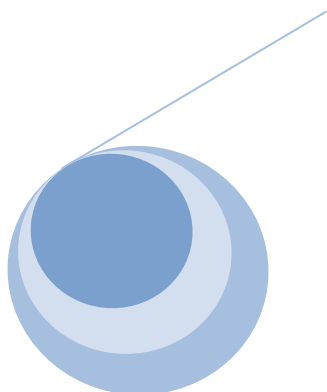


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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

‘**Animal By-Products**’ (**ABP**) means entire bodies or parts of animals, products of animal origin or other products obtained from animals, which are not intended for human consumption, including oocytes, embryos and semen.

B

‘**Batch**’ means a unit of production produced in a single plant using uniform production parameters, such as the origin of the materials, or a number of such units, when produced in continuous order in a single plant and stored together as a shipping unit;

C

‘**Competent Authority**’ means the central authority of a Member State competent to ensure compliance with the requirements of EU ABP Regulations or any authority to which that competence has been delegated; it also includes, where appropriate, the corresponding authority of a third country;

D

‘**DAFM**’ means the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine;

‘**Derived products**’ means products obtained from one or more treatments, transformations or steps of processing of animal by-products;

E

‘**Establishment**’ or ‘**plant**’ means any place where any operation involving the handling of animal by-products or derived products is carried out, other than a fishing vessel;

‘**EU**’ means the European Union.

O

‘**Operator**’ means the natural or legal persons having an animal by-product or derived product under their actual control, including carriers, traders and users.

P

‘**PAP**’ means processed animal protein.

SECTION 1

GENERAL INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND HACCP

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS AND HACCP

- A plant/establishment involved in handling Animal By-Products (ABP) or carrying out intermediate operations (as defined in Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EU) No.142/2011 following their collection must be approved and the approval must be in date (Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009, Article 24 (j)).
- The operator must comply with all relevant requirements set out in Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 and Commission Regulation (EU) No.142/2011 and all other relevant EU and National Legislation, in particular S.I No. 187 of 2014. For the purposes of this document this legislation will be collectively referred to as the ‘ABP Regulations’.
- Plants/establishments must comply with Articles 28 on Own Checks in Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009.
- Licenses and authorisations required to operate must be valid from all relevant licensing authorities while the plant/establishment is operational.
- The operator must notify the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) immediately if significant changes are proposed to plant activities.
- The operator must notify DAFM immediately if the plant/establishment is no longer to be used for storing PAP. The plant/establishment must be decommissioned at this time and prior to use for any other activity. The operator will organise the decommissioning of the plant/establishment and clean up of the site and buildings as well as safe disposal of all equipment in a reasonable time period, under the supervision of DAFM.
- The operator must provide data and statistics to DAFM as and when required and in whichever format requested.
- All records must be accessible to DAFM and must be kept for a minimum of 3 years.
- The operator should sufficiently equip the facility in relation to fire safety and health and safety, seeking expert advice if necessary.

SECTION 2

BIOSECURITY, PLANT/ESTABLISHMENT STRUCTURE, HYGIENE AND TRANSPORT

2.1 PERIMETER

- The premises must be located so that it is adequately separated from public highway, and other appropriate premises sufficient to prevent cross-contamination of food and feed for humans and animals respectively. Animals must not be allowed access to the plant.

2.2 BUILDING/STRUCTURAL

- The store may be located in a complex of stores none of which may contain food or feedstuffs for animal or human consumption.
- All material must be received and unloaded under cover. For this to take place:
 - The area in front of the entry and exit doors must be constructed of smooth, free draining concrete. The concreted area must be of a sufficient size to allow inward and outward movement of all vehicles.
 - The roof should be of sufficient height to allow lorries to tip up completely inside the store.
 - The roof should be waterproof and sound, as should gutters and surface water collection facilities.
 - The roof should be of sufficient height to allow lorries to tip up completely inside the store.
- There must be a sufficiently large covered space to receive, handle and store the ABP. All ABP must be under cover.
- All buildings must be maintained clean and in good condition and any necessary repairs must be made on a regular basis.
- The floors must be smooth and sloped to facilitate the drainage of liquids. The inner walls must be smooth, clean and well maintained.
- The plant/establishment must be designed and personnel must work so as to assure adequate separation of the handling of materials for different end-usage destinations.
- There must be adequate separation between the area of the plant/establishment where incoming material for handling is unloaded and the areas set aside for the storage of products.
- Suitable office facilities where an examination of records can take place must be provided on site and be made available to DAFM staff.

2.3 PLANT HYGIENE

- The operator must ensure that a hygiene plan has been designed and implemented effectively for all areas of the plant/establishment.
- All handling and storage locations and equipment must be emptied and cleaned regularly to the extent necessary to ensure hygienic practice.

2.4 PERSONNEL AND WORKFLOWS

- Management at the plant/establishment must implement effective procedures and training plans for all operatives employed or subcontracted, ensuring to focus the procedures and training (including training records) on:
 - Safe handling of ABP and derived products.
 - Ensuring the acquisition and correct completion of documentation so as to contribute to safe intake of ABP, safe dispatch of ABP to suitable safe end-usage and safe dispatch of ABP 'waste' to suitable, legal disposal.

Examples of documentation would include:

- Identification documents.
 - Commercial documentation and proof of arrival at destination for documentation going with outgoing consignments.
- Operatives must use suitable dedicated protective clothing, when handling ABP which must be removed/cleaned/disinfected or discarded before leaving the plant/establishment.
- Footbaths/boot washes must be provided at all entrances and exits to the plant/establishment. These must be signposted and replenished regularly so as to provide meaningful disinfection.
- There must be access to adequate facilities for personal hygiene including lavatories, changing rooms and washbasins for staff. The washing facilities must be equipped with hot water, soap and paper towels.

2.5 PEST AND BIRDS

- The operator must have a documented rodent control program in place which includes the following:-
 - A bait map.
 - Service schedule for bait points.
 - Service records for bait points.

2.6 ABP TRANSPORT AND SIGNAGE

- Operators transporting category 3 PAP to the plant/establishment or from the plant/establishment must be registered ABP hauliers on the DAFM animal by-products transport register.
- The operator must maintain receptacle registers for each ABP haulier used. Each haulier must provide each ABP plant/establishment serviced with a copy of the receptacle register which should contain the following information:
 - Container number.
 - Receptacle chassis number.
 - Authorised ABP or derived product category.
 - Registered owner.
 - Date of listing/commission.
 - Date of delisting/decommission.
 - Date of cleaning and disinfection as indicated on cleaning certificate at time of delisting.
- ABP transport vehicles must be designed so as to prevent any accidental discharge of organic material or liquids to the environment and must have well fitted covers in use. These vehicles must be well maintained.
- The operator must have a system for cleaning and disinfecting the vehicles or reusable containers or receptacles in which ABP are transported and must include a wheel wash, with disinfectant, at the entrance and exit to the plant/establishment.
- PAP must not be transferred between vehicles or stored at premises not approved by DAFM.
- Transport vehicles or containers must be dedicated to the carriage of a single category of animal by-product or derived (final) product. Raw and processed product must not be transported in the same vehicle or container unless transport takes place in sealed packaging in both instances (preventing cross-contamination). Transport vehicles and containers must be permanently and prominently marked on both sides appropriately, as follows:

Transport vehicles consigning category 3 material (ABP) must be permanently and prominently marked on both sides with:

- Haulier registration code and receptacle number
- "CATEGORY 3 Material Not For Human consumption"
- Consignments of animal by-products and derived products dispatched from one Member State to another Member State must have packaging, containers or vehicles indelibly colour-coded as follows:

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- in the case of category 3 materials, using the colour green with a high content of blue to ensure that it is clearly distinguishable from the other colours.
- Transport vehicles or containers must be dedicated to the carriage of a single category of animal by-product or derived (final) product. (Alternatively vehicles or reusable containers must undergo certified cleaning at a facility in advance of using the vehicle or reusable container for the transport or any other material). Raw and processed product must not be transported in the same vehicle or container unless transport takes place in sealed packaging in both instances (preventing cross-contamination).

2.7 PLANT/ESTABLISHMENT WASTE DISPOSAL

- All waste PAP from the plant/establishment must be disposed of appropriately in compliance with national and EU legislation and in a way that mitigates risk. Traceability of waste disposal must be ensured.
- The operator must ensure to maintain and implement measures to prohibit the disposal of PAP via the waste water system. This must be achieved by the use of drain traps or screens with apertures with a filter pore or a mesh size of no more than 6 mm. Waste water that has passed through the screen is no longer regarded as ABP. However, the operator has a responsibility to ensure that waste water is treated in accordance with relevant Community environmental legislation.

2.8 OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

- The operator should record in writing in the intake register or dispatch register or attached to the relevant commercial document the identification of each vehicle or reusable container transporting Processed Animal Protein and associated with one of the following declarations signed by the operator:
 - A. ‘I have been assured by the transporter that the vehicle or container being used to transport Category 3 Processed Animal Protein is dedicated to the carriage of Category 3 Processed Animal Protein’
- Or
- B. ‘I have been assured by the transporter that the vehicle or reusable container identified as follows <insert unique identification> was clean and safe in advance of transporting this consignment and will undergo certified cleaning and disinfection on <insert date> prior to any subsequent carriage of product that is not Category 3 Processed Animal Protein’. (If this cleaning and disinfection location is within the state it should be a location agreed in advance by an authorized officer of DAFM).

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- If the driver cannot assure A. or B., the storage operator should immediately contact the transporter verbally and in writing (preferably email) stating ‘No assurances have been provided to me by the driver that the vehicle or container identified as follows <insert unique identification> is solely dedicated to the transport of category 3 processed animal protein or will undergo certified cleaning and disinfection prior to any subsequent carriage of product that is not category 3 processed animal protein. Please respond within three working days providing assurances and describing the date and location where certified cleaning & disinfection have taken place for this vehicle or container in advance of any subsequent carriage of product that is not category 3 processed animal protein.’
- Where the transporter fails to respond to the aforementioned communication, providing the requested assurances, then the operator must contact an authorized officer in a Regional Veterinary Office and the operator should not employ the services of said transporter again until such time as the sought after response is forthcoming.

2.9 INTAKE

Raw Material Intake Procedures

- Only material derived from the rendering (processing) of Category 3 material as defined in Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 Articles 10 may be accepted into the plant. Upon acceptance into the plant all material will be thereafter considered to be derived from Category 3 material.
- Hazardous waste, plastics and other material not mentioned in the previous points as well unprocessed ABP may not be accepted into the plant.
- The operator must communicate, as frequently as is necessary with suppliers and take whatever steps are necessary in these communications or supply contracts to ensure that only legal, approved raw materials are accepted into the plant.
- The plant must generate computerized weighbridge dockets for inward and outward movements of material and be situated within a ten-mile radius of the weighbridge facility.

Documentation

- All ABP material delivered to the plant must be accompanied by a commercial document which meets the requirements as laid down in Annex VIII Chapter III of Commission Regulation (EU) No.142/2011.

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- The plant must keep an up to date electronic intake register completed appropriately, in chronological order and including:
 - A description of the material- (including species of animal(s)) or type of materials, age and quantities
 - Dates of intake
 - A batch reference or consignment number if appropriate.
 - A health certificate or commercial document reference number
 - The name and address (and country) of the premises/holding of origin (and approval number if applicable)
 - The name and address of the carrier/ haulier and the receptacle registration number (if applicable).
 - Date of notification of the Regional Veterinary Officer of intake of material (if relevant)
- The operator must establish a system to notify the competent authority (Regional Veterinary Office) if imported ABP/derived products are received on site.

2.10 PROCESSING/HANDLING

Processing/Handling Requirements

- The plant must not engage in activities other than the collection, acceptance and storage.
- All necessary measures must be taken to prevent contamination and the spreading of diseases communicable to humans or animals.

2.11 STORAGE, DISPATCH AND TRACEABILITY/RECALL

Dispatch Procedures

- The operator must ensure that ABPs or products manufactured or derived from ABPs, dispatched from the plant, are traceable and must be disposed of safely and in compliance with national & EU legislation. Traceability must be documented for each consignment.
- Products from the plant may only be dispatched to an approved plant of destination. Plants of origin must verify that the plant of destination has been approved by the relevant competent authority. In the case of EU plants of destination, they must have been approved under the ABP Regulations of Animal Feed Regulations by the member state of destination. In the case of third country plants of destination, they must be on a list of approved plants of destination issued by the competent authority of the plant of origin.
- All consignments for dispatch to other member states and third countries must be on TRACES.
- The operator must seek authorization, in advance, to dispatch product to the plant of destination from the member state of destination in accordance with Article 48 of Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009.

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- Product from the plant may only be dispatched to the following destinations and each destination should be known in advance;
 - Another storage plant approved to store Category 3 Processed Animal Protein.
 - An incineration/co-incineration/combustion plant approved to accept Category 3 Processed Animal Protein.
 - Disposed of in an authorised landfill.
 - For the manufacturing of feed for farmed animals where said manufacture is legal and complies with legislation.
 - For the manufacturing of feed for fur animals.
 - For the manufacturing of pet food.
 - For the manufacturing of organic fertilisers or soil improvers.
 - Composted or transformed into biogas.
 - Used for the manufacture of derived products referred to in Articles 33, 34 and 36 of Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 (Medical devices, cosmetics etc.)
- Management must organize for documentary and visual checks on consignments from the plant to verify compliance with legislation.

Documentation

- The operator must ensure that Animal By Product consignments or consignments of products manufactured or derived from ABPs, dispatched from the plant are traceable and disposed of safely.
- The plant must keep an up to date dispatch register completed appropriately, in chronological order and up to date including:
 - A description of the ABP (including waste), intermediate products or derived products dispatched, including quantities
 - Dates of dispatch
 - A batch reference or consignment number if appropriate.
 - A health certificate or commercial document reference number.
 - The name and address and country of the premises of dispatch (and approval number if applicable)
 - The name and address of the carrier/ haulier and the receptacle registration number (if applicable)
 - Date of notification of the Regional Veterinary Office of dispatch (if relevant e.g. for exportation)
 - Weights of consignments of outgoing material (preferably using a plants own weighbridge)
- A fully completed commercial document must accompany each load of ABP leaving the plant.
- Operators must use A3 EU commercial documents for trade of material outside the state and within the European Union whereas an A4 commercial document may be used for trade within the state.

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- The commercial document must be assigned a unique identifiable number. The commercial document must be produced in quadruplicate (one original and three copies). The original must remain at the plant of origin, the transporter must retain one copy and the premises of destination the other. The fourth copy is signed or stamped by the premises of destination and returned to the plant of origin.
- Operators must keep the copies of commercial documents for all outgoing loads filed and in date order.
- Copies of all health certificates issued must be retained. Health certificates may only be drawn up and signed by DAFM officials.
- The operator must retain proof of arrival destination for all consignments or consignments dispatched from the plant. This proof of destination would typically be the signed or stamped copy of the commercial document returned by the customer (consignee) or notification of arrival on the TRACES system. This could take the form of an incineration certificate or a returned stamped copy of the commercial document.

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