



**MINISTERIAL CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORISED PERSONS ('MEAT FEEDERS')
OF MEAT ABP (ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS) - DOGS OTHER THAN
GREYHOUNDS, FUR ANIMALS AND MAGGOTS FOR BAIT**

1. Meat ABP (as distinct from petfood¹) may only be purchased for feeding by authorised persons. Each authorisation must be in date. Meat ABP may only be accessed or purchased from approved collection centres listed on the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM) website maintained by the ABP Section, Milk & Meat Hygiene/ABP/TSE Division, Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine.
2. Holders of a meat feeding licence must own or be responsible for one of the following animal groups:
 - a. Fur animals
 - b. Dogs from recognised kennels (kennels recognised by a national body/organisation).
 - c. Maggots for fishing bait.
3. On each visit to purchase the meat ABP, the authorised person must present his/her authorisation. (Collection centres should request sight of the authorisation at each visit).
4. All meat ABP (except for fish) must be stained with a solution of a green colouring agent (or, in the case of meat from meat plants and Local Authority abattoirs, sunset yellow colouring agent) which is clearly visible even when the product is frozen.
5. The person feeding meat ABP should not accept improperly stained meat ABP. With the exception of poultry and fish, meat ABP for feeding must be cut into small pieces or prepared as mince at the collection centre and received as such at the time of purchase. Bones including skulls or whole limbs must not be included.
6. The meat ABP should be packaged in a clear/transparent bag and labelled. This label must include the name, address and approval number of the collection centre from which it is sourced. This label should also include the words "Category 2 For Feeding to", to be completed with the name of the specific species of those animals for the feeding of which the material is intended.
7. All meat ABP should be stored appropriately. Storage should consider the risks posed to the animals such as contamination of the meat ABP with other products. The meat ABP should be maintained suitably frozen or chilled² if not fed immediately.
8. Measures should be taken to avoid nuisance deriving from pests or odour associated with the activities involving meat ABP on site.
9. Meat ABP must be stored, secured and fed appropriately, ensuring that children or unauthorised persons and animals other than those for which the authorisation is held may not access the meat ABP.
10. The meat ABP storage areas, feeding areas and all associated utensils and equipment must be correctly maintained and cleaned.
11. Meat ABP must not be fed to any animals other than those kept at the address supplied on the application form.
12. The authorised person must complete all fields in the "Intake Records Book". Record-keeping should take place at the time of purchasing, feeding or disposing of meat and should not take place retrospectively.

Extract from Record Intake Book.

Date:	Quantity of Meat ABP Purchased (kg)	Source of Meat ABP	Number of Dogs Eating Meat ABP*	Quantity of Meat ABP Fed	Quantity of Meat ABP disposed of as Waste	Quantity of Meat ABP remaining in stock

*Not required for maggots.

13. The authorised person must ensure that they have an adequate supply of Intake Record Books so that all records are maintained up to date. The Record Intake Books can be obtained by emailing animalbyproducts@agriculture.gov.ie or contacting ABP Section at 057 8694365.
14. An authorisation may be withdrawn if the conditions of the authorisation are not met.

¹ Petfood must be produced in an approved petfood plant and be packaged and labelled appropriately describing the approval number of the petfood plant.

² For short-term storage only.