

Notice to Feed Business Operators (FeBOs)

EXPORTATION OF *UNAUTHORISED SUBSTANCES OR FEED CONTAINING THEM FROM THE UK TO ANOTHER MEMBER STATE OR **3RD COUNTRY.

Feed Business Operators (FeBOs) are required to notify DAERA of any substances (or feed containing them) which are not authorised in the UK and are intended to be exported either to another Member State or a 3rd Country. This also applies to re-export of imported substances and when the unauthorised substance is incorporated into a premixture for export. This requirement is set out in *Article 12* of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 which lays down the general principles and requirements of food law and procedures in matters of food safety.

Upon such notification, DAERA will inform other Member States of the unauthorised substance or feed containing it being moved into or through its territory. This is to comply with *Article 34* of Regulation (EC) 882/2004 (official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed & food law) which sets out the general principles of administrative assistance between Member States.

Furthermore, NI FeBOs require the express consent from the 3rd Country competent authority prior to the export of unauthorised substances.

Action by Feed Business Operators

Feed businesses exporting unauthorised substances or feeds containing such substances (including premixtures) to third countries to:

a) notify DAERA (using an R030 form) at least three working days prior to the export of unauthorised substances (or feed containing them). This notification to contain all the details of the unauthorised substances being exported from the UK, the details of the Members States the substances will be moved through and the country receiving them.

b) retain a copy of the express consent of the 3rd Country for inspection by DAERA. The completed forms should be sent to DAERA either by post or e-mail to both email addresses:

afib.feeds@daera-ni.gov.uk
gerard.higgins@daera-ni.gov.uk

Electronic signatures will be accepted.

More information is available on the Food Standards Agency Website at:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/farmingfood/animalfeed/animalfeedlegislation/export-unauthorised-feed>

* In this context 'unauthorised substances' means either feed additives used as a coccidiostat, histomonostat or growth promoters that are not authorised for use in the EU or veterinary medicinal substances or products not authorised for use in the UK or a combination of both.

** A 3rd Country is a country not in the European Union.

Contact details:

Agri-food Inspection Branch, Room 1018, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT4 3SB

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The following details to be submitted to DAERA (using the attached form as an example) , to be received 3 working days prior to the export of an unauthorised product and/or substance or feed containing them from the UK to another Member State or 3rd Country by a Feed Business Operator (FeBO).