

Conditions for inclusion in the Department's Register of Fishmeal/Blood Product Users

Conditions for inclusion in the Register of Fishmeal and Blood Product Users to purchase Compound Feed containing Fishmeal/Blood products or to purchase raw fishmeal/blood products.

1. Application to be submitted to Feedingstuffs, Fertilisers, Grain & Poultry Division accompanied by a signed Declaration undertaking to comply with the conditions of registration.
2. Applicant will be placed on the *Register of Fishmeal/Blood Product Users* and will be subject to inspection by Department Officials. In the event that an applicant has ruminant animals or a current Department Herd number, an inspection of the premises will be carried out by a veterinary officer from the local District Veterinary Office prior to registration.
3. Fishmeal/blood products or feed containing fishmeal/blood products must be sourced from Establishments or Operators registered or approved under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down requirements for feed hygiene.
4. Feedingstuffs containing fishmeal or blood products will not be fed to ruminant animals including cattle, sheep, deer or goats. All bulk feed purchased should be accompanied by a document which states that the product contains fishmeal or blood products and should not be fed to ruminants.
5. Storage of fishmeal/blood products or feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products must be entirely separate both physically and in operational terms from anything connected with any ruminant enterprise. All ruminants must be effectively excluded from any area of the premises where fishmeal/blood products or feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products are stored, fed or otherwise used.
6. Feedingstuffs containing fishmeal or blood products will not be purchased for or handled on any land parcel(s) other than the land parcel(s) listed in the application for registration.
7. If an applicant owns or operates pig or poultry units (including rented premises) at any other locations, it will be necessary for the applicant to furnish the Department with the name, address, and the Registration Number of each pig or poultry unit in writing. This information should be supplied when the applicant is returning his/her completed application form.
8. There must be facilities available at the unit/feedmill to allow for adequate accurate reconciliation of purchases and usage of fishmeal/blood products or feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products. In addition it must also be possible to accurately account for the use of all other ingredients used in the manufacture of pig or poultry rations on the premises.
9. Monthly stock forms relating to deliveries and usage of fishmeal/blood products must be furnished to the Department **accurately and on time**.
10. Registration will be refused/withdrawn where the Department is satisfied that provisions of S.I. No. 532 of 2015 are not being/will not be adhered to.

Failure to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information could prejudice an application for registration or cause the removal of Registration under the above-mentioned legislation.

It is in the applicant's own best interests therefore, to ensure that the Department is supplied with all information which may be considered relevant to an application to purchase fishmeal/blood products for the purpose of home mixing rations and/or the purchase of compound feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products for consumption by pigs or poultry.

The following is checked during registration inspections:

- Each pig or poultry unit must be a discreet entity within its own permanent, secure, durable and robust boundary, with a second barrier to the feed storage within the unit (e.g. barrier around the fishmeal silo or storage in a building). Access to internal farm roadways (e.g. for slurry spreading purposes) must be secured with a locked gate (which is open only when in actual use) or cattle grids. Main entrance(s) must have cattle grids or a gate locked outside operating hours.
- The feeding system (e.g. wet mix or dry mix system) and the storage facilities proposed for fishmeal and, if relevant, for finished feed;
- The condition and general standard of maintenance of the feed silo(s) or other feed storage systems intended to hold, store or contain the fishmeal or feedingstuffs containing fishmeal, particularly the condition of the floor and disposal of sweepings;
- Details of the equipment used in the transport of fishmeal/blood products and/or the feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products.
- Details of the arrangements in place for the disposal of unused, waste or spoilt fishmeal/ blood products/compound feed containing fishmeal or blood products are required. There must be a satisfactory disposal system in operation.
- Details of the arrangements in place for the disposal of carcasses of dead pigs or poultry are required. There must be a satisfactory disposal system in operation.
- Details of the rodent control programme in use at the pig or poultry unit/feedmill are required. There must be a satisfactory control system in operation.
- Details of the written record system in place in the pig or poultry unit and, if relevant, the associated feedmill, which must be capable of showing the usage of fishmeal/blood products on site, will be required.

The record system operated must be capable of being audited by Department Officials so as to clearly:-

- * trace the intake of fishmeal/blood products, and
- * determine the inclusion rates of fishmeal/blood products in diets used on the **site**,
- * identify the destination and use **on site**, of feedingstuffs containing fishmeal/blood products.

In all cases the record system in use must be capable of producing a written record on a monthly basis, describing the inputs and quantities of all feed ingredients incorporated into the finished rations produced on the premises.

Applicants who register to purchase compound feed containing fishmeal must retain the above records at their premises.

Applicants who register to purchase raw fishmeal/blood products are required to submit returns to Feedingstuffs, Fertilisers, Grain & Poultry Division.