

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

National Directorate Veterinary Quarantine and Public Health

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To: STATE VETERINARY OFFICERS

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VETERINARY PROCEDURAL NOTICE (VPN): REGISTRATION OF FEED MILLS AS A SOURCE OF FEED TO FARMS APPROVED FOR EXPORT PURPOSES TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. Purpose

The purpose of this VPN is to describe the requirements and the processes for registration of a feed mill in South Africa to be approved as a source of feed to farms approved for the export of meat to the European Union.

2. Legal Mandate

The requirements and processes are in terms of the Animal Diseases Act (Act No. 35 of 1984).

This registration does not replace registration of the feed or any control at the feed mill prescribed of Act 36 of 1947, Act 101 of 1965, and The Pharmacy Act.

3. Requirements

A feed mill will be eligible for registration as a feed mill to supply feed to registered export farms if it complies with the following conditions:

- 3.1 The feed mill must have a system in place to ensure that feed produced can be certified as being free of growth promotants, which are substances having an oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action, thyrostatic action or beta-agonists.
- 3.2 Compliance to point 3.1 above can be achieved by either:
 - i) The feed mill does not keep, handle or store any growth promotants on the premises.

or
 - ii) The feed mill must have a dedicated line for producing feed which is free of growth promotants **and** must keep full, auditable records of the receipt and use of any growth promotants on the premises;

or
 - iii) The feed mill must have a system in place to ensure that a line is free of any growth promotants prior to manufacturing feed for animals or birds farmed for meat intended for export to the EU and

must keep full, auditable records of the receipt and use of any growth promotants on the premises.

- 3.3 In the case where a feed mill produces medicated feeds, veterinary prescriptions, when required, and full records of the receipt and use of any antibiotics must be kept and be available on the premises of the feed mill.
- 3.4 The necessary records must be in place to ensure that the recommending/ supervising official veterinarian is able to verify the implementation of the systems described above.

4. Process of Registration

- 4.1 The management of the feed mill must complete the attached application (Annex A).
- 4.2 The management of the feed mill must arrange with the local state veterinarian to do an inspection of the feed mill.
- 4.3 The state veterinarian must inspect the facility and check compliance to the requirements of this VPN. An authorized and properly instructed and trained Animal Health Technician under the supervision of the state veterinarian may also be directed to perform the inspection, but the recommendation for registration must be signed by the state veterinarian.
- 4.4 If the state veterinarian is satisfied that all the requirements can be complied with, he/she must complete or countersign the inspection report (Annex B) and send it, with a recommendation for registration, to the Directorate Veterinary Services of the Provincial Department of Agriculture.
- 4.5 If the Provincial Directorate Veterinary Services supports the recommendation, the feed mill must be recommended to the Director Veterinary Quarantine and Public Health of the National Department of Agriculture, who will register the feed mill by issuing a ZA certificate and then list the feed mill on a list of approved feed mills that may supply food to animals or birds intended for slaughter at an EU approved export establishment.
- 4.6 The registration is valid for one year. The process for annual re-approval is the same as for initial registration.

5. Official Supervision

- 5.1 The state veterinarian who inspected and recommended the feed mill initially, will also be responsible for inspections at the plant (at least bi-annually), collection of feed samples as may be prescribed by the national Director: Veterinary Quarantine and Public Health from time to time, for annual Audit at the feed mill and for the annual re-approval of the feed mill, unless another Veterinarian is specifically appointed for this purpose by the provincial Director Veterinary Services.
- 5.2 If at any time during official inspections or audits, a feed mill is found not to comply with the requirements of this VPN it must be deregistered as an approved feed mill for delivering feed for export purposes.

6. Approval of feed mixing on farms for own use only

- 6.1 Farmers are allowed to mix their own feed for consumption by their own animals or birds destined for export to the EU provided that they do not include any growth promotants or antimicrobials into the feed mixtures at any time, even if this is prepared only for animals or birds not farmed for export to the EU. These “farm feed mills” will not be officially registered, but will be included in the audit for re-registration of the export farm.

ANNEX A**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FEED MILL TO BE APPROVED
AS A SOURCE OF FEED TO FARMS APPROVED FOR THE EXPORT OF
MEAT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION****A. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT**

DATE	
NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT	
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
POSTAL CODE	
TOWN	
PROVINCE	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
FAX NUMBER	
NAME OF THE OWNER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS OF OWNER	
NAME OF THE MANAGER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS OF MANAGER	

**B. DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE OF OWNER/ AUTHORISED SIGNATORY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT**

I (Full name of owner/signatory)

agree to comply with requirements set by the Central Competent in VPN/31/2009-01 for the production of feed to be supplied to farms registered for export of meat to the European Union.

Signed at (place) _____

on, (date)

Signature of owner/ authorised signatory_____
Signature of witness

**ANNEX B
INSPECTION REPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION OF A FEED MILL AS A
SOURCE OF FEED TO FARMS THAT ARE REGISTERED TO EXPORT MEAT
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

1. **Date of inspection:**

2. **Name and designation of person doing the inspection:**.....
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3. **Name of the Feed Mill:**

4. Registration in terms of Act 36 of 1947

The feed intended for export farms must be registered under Act 36 of 1947 as feed for animals. Is the feed registered?

If yes, please provide the details hereunder.

If no, the feed mill can not be recommended for the purpose of this registration.

Supply details of the feeds produced by this feed mill for which approval is sought.

Name/identification of feed	Registration number of feed (Act 36/1947)	Species for which it is registered

4. Freedom of growth promotants

Does the feed mill have a system in place to ensure that feed produced can be certified as being free of growth promotants, which are substances having an oestrogenic, androgenic or, gestagenic action, thyrostatic action or beta-agonists?

If yes, please provide the details in point 5 hereunder.

If no, the feed mill cannot be recommended for the purpose of this registration.

5. System of ensuring freedom of growth promotants

Indicate whether 5.1 or 5.2 or 5.3 are applicable. If 5.2 or 5.3 are applicable, give details of all the feeds that are produced at the feed mill and in the case of 5.2 describe which lines are dedicated to the feed to be supplied to export registered farms.

5.1 The feed mill does not keep, handle or store any growth promotants on the premises

or

5.2 The feed mill has a dedicated line for producing feed which is free of growth promotants. Veterinary prescriptions, when required, and full records of the receipt and use of any growth promotants are available on the premises. Details are as follows:

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or

5.3 The feed mill has a system in place to ensure that a line is free of any growth promotants prior to manufacturing feed for animals farmed for meat intended for export to the EU **and** keeps full, auditable records of the receipt and use of any growth promotants on the premises. (Such a system will be acceptable if a **minimum** of two batches of feed **not** containing such growth promotants are manufactured before 'export' feed is manufactured. A batch is defined as one **full** volume of the mixer.)

Details are as follows:

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6. Preparation of medicated feeds

Does the feed mill produce medicated feeds containing antimicrobials?

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If yes, are veterinary prescriptions, when required, and full records of the receipt and use of any antimicrobials, **including batch** numbers of feed it was included in, kept and available on the premises of the feed mill?

NOTE: Veterinary prescriptions are required for unregistered medicaments as well as extra-label use of medication, including those that are registered for sale for use without prescription.

Comments:

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7. Verification and auditing of compliance

Describe which records are available and were checked to enable you to verify the implementation of the systems described above.

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8. Traceability

Does the feed mill have a system of batch traceability in place?

If yes, is a traceability procedure available and are traceability records available for each batch?

If no traceability procedure or no records are available the feed mill can not be registered to produce feed for EU approved export farms.

Comments:

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Attestation by the official Veterinarian.

I,, hereby confirm that the
feed mill (name).....
was inspected on (date)..... and found to comply
with the requirements for feed mills as a source of feed to farms that are
registered for export of meat to the EU.

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Signature

Official stamp

Designation.....

Contact number.....