

Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament  
and of the Council of 12 January 2005 laying down  
requirements for feed hygiene (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

**SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject matter**

This Regulation lays down:

- (a) general rules on feed hygiene;
- (b) conditions and arrangements ensuring traceability of feed;
- (c) conditions and arrangements for registration and approval of establishments.

*Article 2*

**Scope**

- 1 This Regulation shall apply to:
  - a the activities of feed business operators at all stages, from and including primary production of feed, up to and including, the placing of feed on the market;
  - b the feeding of food-producing animals;
  - c imports and exports of feed from and to third countries.
- 2 This Regulation shall not apply to:
  - a the private domestic production of feed:
    - (i) for food-producing animals kept for private domestic consumption;  
and
    - (ii) for animals not kept for food production;
  - b the feeding of food-producing animals kept for private domestic consumption or for the activities mentioned in Article 1(2)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - c the feeding of animals not kept for food production;
  - d the direct supply of small quantities of primary production of feed at local level by the producer to local farms for use on those farms;
  - e the retailing of pet food.

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 2(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Animal Feed \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/654\)](#), regs. 1, **35**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### Article 3

#### Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions in Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 shall apply, subject to the following specific definitions:

- (a) ‘feed hygiene’ means the measures and conditions necessary to control hazards and to ensure fitness for animal consumption of a feed, taking into account its intended use;
- (b) ‘feed business operator’ means the natural or legal person responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the present Regulation are met within the feed business under their control;
- (c) ‘feed additives’ means substances or micro-organisms authorised under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (d) ‘establishment’ means any unit of a feed business;
- (e) ‘competent authority’ means the authority <sup>F2</sup>... designated to carry out official controls;
- (f) ‘primary production of feed’ means the production of agricultural products, including in particular growing, harvesting, milking, rearing of animals (prior to their slaughter) or fishing resulting exclusively in products which do not undergo any other operation following their harvest, collection or capture, apart from simple physical treatment.
- (g) [<sup>F3</sup>“third country” means any country or territory other than the British Islands;
- (h) “appropriate authority” means—
  - (i) in relation to England, the Secretary of State;
  - (ii) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
  - (iii) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;
- (i) “Food Safety Authority” means—
  - (i) as regards England and Wales, the Food Standards Agency;
  - (ii) as regards Scotland, Food Standards Scotland;
- (j) “prescribe” means prescribe by regulations]

### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Art. 3(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Animal Feed \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/654\)](#), regs. 1, **36(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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**F3** Arts. 3(g)-(j) inserted by The Animal Feed (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/654), regs. 1, **36(b)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), 12(7)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- (1) [OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1.](#) (Corrigendum: [OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 3.](#))
- (2) [OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.](#)

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