

Press release

Information to feed material suppliers: Register your feed material using the online Register of feed materials www.feedmaterialsregister.eu

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According to article 24(6) of the EU feed marketing Regulation (EC) No 767/2009, “the person who, **for the first time**, places on the market a **feed material** that is **not listed in the EU Catalogue** of feed materials shall **immediately notify its use** to the representatives of the EU feed business sectors.” **This provision applies as from 1 September 2010.** The EU legislator mandated the representatives of the EU feed business sectors to publish these notifications on the Internet in the form of a Register and to update this Register on a regular basis.

With a view to facilitate the access to and use of the Register, an online tool has been developed by the representatives of the EU feed business sectors¹. It will be accessible at www.feedmaterialsregister.eu as from 1 September 2010. **Notifications made by means other than the online registration tool will not be accepted.**

The representatives of the EU feed business sectors have strived to make the Register and notification system as “user-friendly” as possible. They have drafted a **Q&A** concerning the legal requirements for feed business operators as well as a **guide** to the notifying feed business operators, which will be accessible on the Register’s website. These documents, however, are only indicative as representatives of the EU feed business sectors will accept no liability for the Register’s content. Any question(s) from feed business operators as to their legal obligations shall be referred to the competent authorities.

Who and what should be notified?

It must be stressed that the reference to the “placing for the first time on the market” relates to the first placing on the market of a feed material **after 1 September 2010**. This applies to **any new feed material**. In case of doubt, feed business operators are invited **to contact EU or national authorities for advice**. In practice, a notifying feed business operator placing a feed material on the EU market after 1 September 2010 should do the following:

- Check on the present EU official Catalogue if the name of the feed material he places on the market is listed ([Regulation \(EC\) No 242/2010](#));
- If the feed material is not listed in the Catalogue:
 - o Check on the online Register if the name of the feed material is listed and if the feed material meets the characteristics mentioned in the Register;
 - o If the name of the feed material is listed in the Register but the characteristics of the feed material do not meet the ones mentioned in the Register; he shall introduce a new notification (same name but new characteristics);

¹ List of the EU associations sponsoring the Register : AAF, CEFS, CEPS, CIAA, COCERAL, COFALEC, COPA-COGECA, EAPA, EDA, EFPRA, EMFEMA, EUCOLAIT, EUROMALT, European Flour Millers, EUSALT, FEDIAF, FEDIOL, FEFAC, FERM, IFFO, IMA-Europe and The Brewers of Europe.

- If the name of the feed material is not mentioned at all in the Register, he shall introduce a new notification (new name and new characteristics).

When notifying a feed material to the Register, the feed business operator shall provide his contact details.

A feed material's name may be notified under any EU language. However, for the sake of efficiency, both the characteristics of the feed material and a translation of its name shall be provided in English so that the information is more easily understandable to all EU operators, authorities and citizens.

The name and characteristics of the feed material notified by the feed business operator will be automatically included in the Register and thereby made public. The contact details of the feed business operator will not be published.

The representatives of the European feed business sectors are also working on an update of the Catalogue of feed materials; all new entries of this updated Catalogue have been uploaded on the Register and will not need to be notified again.

The content of the Register will be based on information submitted by notifying feed business operators. The representatives of the European feed business sectors do not take any responsibility for the content of the Register.

For further information as regards the legal provisions, please contact national authorities.

For more information on the notification procedure, please visit www.feedmaterialsregister.eu.