

Processed Animal Protein for Livestock Feeding

The import of processed animal protein (except for fishmeal) into Romania for the feeding of livestock is prohibited by the below “Order - Regarding measures for implementing the total interdiction of feeding farm animals with feeding stuffs containing processed animal proteins.”

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The president of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority issues the following Order:

Article 1. - For accomplishing the commitments assumed by Romania regarding the implementing of the total interdiction of feeding farm animals with feeding stuffs containing processed animal proteins and in order to implement provisions of Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment No. 741/2003 for amending the Sanitary Veterinary Norms regarding rules of prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, approved by the Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forests No. 144/2002, the county respectively Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates will take the following measures:

1. Between 23-30 of June 2005 the inspectors of the county respectively Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates will visit every pig and poultry farm and will undertake the following tasks:
 - a) write down the amount of processed animal protein (except for fish flour) in store and its suppliers;
 - b) write a note in which:
 - (i) the amount of processed animal protein in store will be mentioned;
 - (ii) will forbid to purchase any other quantity of animal protein;
 - (iii) beginning with the 1st of August 2005 it will be forbidden to feed farm animals with feeding stuffs containing processed animal proteins (the note shall be signed by the farms owner or manager and will be drawn up in two copies; one copy will remain with the farms manager or owner, the other will be filed at the county respectively Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates, within the animal health department).
2. Between 25 March – 29 April 2005 all companies producing processed animal protein within the county will receive an official notice from the executive director of the county or Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates regarding the fact that from the 1st of August 2005 onward these products are banned form farm animal feeding stuffs (except for carnivorous animals).
3. The official note will be written, all the above will be mentioned and also that to begin with the 1st of July 2005 it will be forbidden for these companies to sell processed animal proteins for the purpose of include them in farm animal feeding stuffs (except for carnivorous animals).

Article 2. - The county respectively Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates will precisely enforce the provisions of the Orders of the Minister of Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment No. 741/2003 and No. 723/2003 for approval of Sanitary Veterinary Norms which establishes health rules regarding animal by-products, not destined for human consumption.

Article 3. – The criteria for the elaboration of inspection and control plans at sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates' level, regarding the compliance with the provisions of the Orders of the Minister of Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment No. 741/2003 and No. 723/2003, are those provided by Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment No. 717/2003 approving the Sanitary Veterinary Norms regarding the principles that govern official inspections on

animal nutrition and respectively the Order of the president of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority No. 8/2004, approving the official control guide on animal nutrition and the Operational Emergency Plan in the field of animal nutrition.

Article 4. – (1) Until 31 of March 2005, the county respectively Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates, will set up mandatory examination measures, using microscopic examination, for all samples of mixed feeding stuffs and protein-vitamin-mineral premixtures or concentrates which will be taken during official controls on animal nutrition after the 1st of August 2005.

(2) The sampling and testing plan on animal nutrition, foreseen in the Inspection Program on animal nutrition for the ongoing year, will be modified accordingly and will be reported to the Hygiene and Public Veterinary Health Institute.

Article 5. – Until the 31 May 2005 the Hygiene and Public Veterinary Health Institute will integrate the changes done by the county and Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates and will submit to the General Directorate for Inspection, Control, Border Inspection and Coordination of the Veterinary Institutes the National Inspections Program on animal nutrition and the Sampling Plan for accomplishing this program, in compliance with the provisions of the Order of the president of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority No. 8/2004 and the official notes of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority No. 292 from the 3rd September 2004 and No. 507 from the 4th of February 2005 – submitted through the intranet – for them to be included in the National Inspection and Control Program.

Article 6. - The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority will control the compliance with the provisions of this order.

Article 7. – This Order will be notified to the general directorates within the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority and to the county and Bucharest sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates.

Article 8. – At the date when this order becomes effective, the provisions of the official note of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority No. 221.773 from the 15th January 2004 will be revoked.