

2.10.7. Reworks and Returns Containing RAM

Standard

Are reworks and returns containing RAM or assumed to contain RAM clearly identified as such and are only reprocessed into non-ruminant feeds?

Purpose

To describe additional precautions when handling a rework or return containing RAM.

Reason

Improper identification of a return or rework containing RAM may result in inadvertent addition into new formulations. Contamination into ruminant feeds is a major feed safety risk.

Reworked feed provides a vehicle for the transfer of antimicrobial resistant bacteria, salmonella and other pathogenic organisms. The assessment of a return must take into consideration the risks present to determine if a rework is acceptable.

What is Acceptable?

All returns shall be assessed before rework is approved. The procedure provided in Fact Sheet 8.4.1, should be followed with additional precautions. The assessment of products containing, or assumed to contain, RAM shall consider:

1. Feed Safety Implications:
 - a. Will reformulating a RAM product carry contamination risk?
 - b. Has the product been contaminated during storage or transport?
 - c. Is the HACCP system capable of controlling feed safety risks?
2. Quality Implications:
 - a. How will reformulation affect RAM? Toxicity? Undesirable material?
 - b. Has the product been contaminated during storage or transport? Pathogenic Organisms?
3. Traceability:
 - a. Is there traceability maintained from the original formulation containing RAM with a new formulation? For all ingredients?
4. Documentation.

A confirmation test may be required to determine if the return contains RAM. Where a positive result is returned, the product must be labelled and segregated. In addition to the internal rework label, additional labelling requirements include: **"This product contains restricted animal material – DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, DEER OR ANY OTHER RUMINANTS"**.

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