

Feed Analysis Labelling Policy

The Uniform Labelling Guidelines operating under FeedSafe calls for bagged feed labels in include feed analysis details. Many feed manufacturers also provide analysis details for bulk feeds on their website and in product leaflets.

To provide further direction to members in this area, the SFMCA Federal Council has agreed to accept the following labelling policy position:

1. Monogastric feeds

Analysis is quoted on an as fed basis. This includes all nutrients and feed additive activity levels. The words “as fed” need to be included in the analysis title.

2. Ruminant feeds

Analysis can be quoted either on a dry matter or an as fed basis:

- This is applicable for all nutrients such as protein, energy, fat, fibre and minerals.
- The inclusion of veterinary chemical product level is to only be quoted on an as fed basis. Refer below for full Agvet Code requirements.

Where quoted on an as fed basis, the words “as fed” need to be included in the analysis title.

Where quoted on a dry matter basis, the words “dry matter basis” need to be included in the analysis title and the label must be annotated to show the basis of the analysis e.g. 88% dry matter for typical stockfeed.

3. Horse and other species – analysis is quoted only on an as fed basis. This includes all nutrients and feed additive levels. The words “as fed” need to be included in the analysis title.

Examples of feed specification labels:

Example 1: Monogastric Feed

Nutrient Specifications

Nutrient	Amount “as fed”
Crude Protein	Min 20.0 %
Metabolisable Energy	Min 11.75 MJ/kg
Crude Fibre	Max 13.30%
Crude Fat	Max 7.00%
Salt	Max 1.10%
Salinomycin supplied from Coxistac 120	60 mg/kg

Example 2: Ruminant Feed

Nutrient Specifications

Nutrient	Amount "Dry Matter Basis"
Crude Protein	Min 20.0 %
Metabolisable Energy	Min 11.75 MJ/kg
Crude Fibre	Max 13.30%
Crude Fat	Max 7.00%
Salt	Max 1.10%
Monensin supplied from Rumensin 100	

Analysis: Nutrients in dry matter, based on 88% dry matter in feed.

Example 3: Ruminant Feed

Nutrient Specifications

Nutrient	Amount "as fed"
Crude Protein	Min 20.0 %
Metabolisable Energy	Min 11.75 MJ/kg
Crude Fibre	Max 13.30%
Crude Fat	Max 7.00%
Salt	Max 1.10%

Analysis: nutrients in dry matter, nominal moisture 12% as fed.

Example 4: Horse Feed

Nutrient Specifications

Nutrient	Amount "as fed"
Crude Protein	Min 20.0 %
Metabolisable Energy	Min 11.75 MJ/kg
Crude Fibre	Max 13.30%
Crude Fat	Max 7.00%
Salt	Max 1.10%

Analysis: nutrients in dry matter, nominal moisture 12% as fed.

Additional requirements for medicated feeds

Where APVMA registered veterinary chemical products are included within feed, the label is required under the Agvet Code to include the following.

Medicated animal feed or premixes **must** also be labelled in accordance with the instructions on the approved label for the registered veterinary chemical product. The medicated animal feed labelling **must** include all of the following matters from the label of the registered veterinary chemical product:

- Appropriate signal headings must appear at the top centre of the label

- Dilution of the registered product should be taken into account, and signal headings are required on the final stockfeed only if the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) does not provide a lower cut-off limit.
- Where a signal heading is in place, the words **FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY** must appear.
- Where the medication is a scheduled 4 poison, for stock foods in bags, the following statements are also required:
 - **PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY**
 - **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**
- The name of the registered veterinary chemical product incorporated into the medicated stock food or premix
- The active constituent in the registered veterinary chemical product incorporated into the stock food or premix
- The concentration of the active constituent of the registered veterinary chemical product present in the medicated feed or premix
- All relevant directions for use extrapolated as necessary from the registered product label to ensure correct dosing, or otherwise as prescribed in writing by a veterinary surgeon
- All restraints, warnings and contra-indications
- The withholding period from the approved label or as prescribed in writing by a veterinary surgeon
- Any Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) information contained on an approved label or listed on the APVMA website.
- Any specific Safety Directions and First Aid Statements required for an included veterinary chemical product and appropriate to the level of inclusion should be listed.

No claims may be made over or above that allowed to the registered veterinary chemical being incorporated. Apart from any claim(s) relating to the inclusion of a registered veterinary chemical, no other claims other than diet supplementation may be made for a supplement, non-medicated lick or vitamin/mineral pre-mix exempt from registration by the APVMA.

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