

2.10.5. Processing of Unlabelled Bagged RAM

Standard

If unlabelled bagged restricted animal material is purchased, is such material either relabelled prior to storing on site or rejected and returned to the supplier?

Ensure bulk RAM which is either rebagged or bags with missing labels are correctly labelled.

Purpose

To ensure unlabelled RAM material is identified prior to accepting into mill and treated accordingly.

Reason

The incorrect storage or use of RAM material is a major feed safety risk. Unlabelled bagged RAM may be accidentally stored with incompatible raw material or unintentionally used in incompatible feeds. The operator is at risk of breaching the regulations of the Ruminant Feeding Ban by improper handling of unlabelled bagged RAM. Cross-contamination is the major feed safety risk.

What is Acceptable?

Inwards Goods

The receival system shall define the process of QA and QC when processing and accepting raw material (Fact Sheet 6.2.1 & 6.2.2).

In the event the operator is expecting a delivery of bagged RAM, and it arrives unlabelled – the following steps may be implemented to ensure bulk RAM is treated appropriately:

1. Inspect purchasing document: purchasing documents shall provide the details of supplier, material and purchased amount. This will help verify the origin of the material.
2. Contact supplier and confirm delivery of unlabelled RAM. This may include additional verification of delivery docket vs purchasing document.
3. Re-label with clear identification of contents and store in designated storage area, or;
 - a. Ensure Re-labelling follows the requirements outlined in Fact Sheet 6.2.5.
4. Re-bag with missing labels correctly attached, or;
5. Quarantine unlabelled bag for destruction or return to supplier.

The final decision shall take into consideration risks associated with incorrect handling of bagged RAM, storage and re-bagging.

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