



FEMAS Sector Note No. 13 – Dairy Products

These Sector Notes apply to businesses processing milk, producing or placing on the market dairy products and by-products in both liquid and powder form for use as animal feed.

These Notes are not exhaustive, are intended to assist in the application of the corresponding requirements of the FEMAS Standard and are not to be considered in isolation.

Section 1 of these Sector Notes includes definitions of specific relevance to this sector.

Section 2 of these Sector Notes includes additional sector-specific information to assist Participants in complying with **Requirements, Interpretation, Guidance and Further Information** of the FEMAS Scheme. The FEMAS Scheme Rules provide the following definitions:

Requirement – Sets mandatory standards with which Applicants and Participants must comply to achieve and maintain certification.

Interpretation – Provides specific means for Applicants and Participants to achieve the desired outcome of the preceding Requirement. Applicants and Participants are expected to consider Interpretation and apply as relevant to their business. Failure to follow interpretation, resulting in the desired outcome of the Requirement not being achieved will lead to a non-conformance being raised against the requirement.

Guidance – Non-mandatory suggestions of useful tools and techniques for achieving and maintaining compliance or continuous improvement.

Further information – External sources of useful information, typically including references/web links to documents or other sources of information.

NOTE: Revisions introduced in this edition of the Sector Notes are highlighted in Blue.

1 Definitions

Dairy Products and By-Products	Milk products and products derived from milk, produced specifically for animal feed; milk products and products derived from milk 'downgraded' from human food status and offered as animal feed; milk by-products and by-products derived from processing milk for other purposes, and which are offered as animal feed.
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2 Sector-Specific Notes

Scheme and Legislative Requirements		
A 1.4.1	Requirement	Where a Participant undertakes supply of raw milk they must comply with applicable regulations and confirm that all businesses in the supply chain are appropriately registered.

HACCP and Feed Safety Risk Assessment		
B 1.7	Interpretation	<p><i>Sector-specific potential hazards include but are not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Different types of packaging and residual packaging</i> • <i>Flavourings, colourants and other additives</i> • <i>The presence of non-protein nitrogen products</i> • <i>Varying levels of salt</i> • <i>Product returned from stores outside the control of the Participant</i> • <i>Contamination with antibiotics and other veterinary medicines</i> • <i>Controls for raw milk</i>

Sales Contracts / Agreements / Feed Specifications		
F 1.1	Interpretation	<i>Under normal conditions, no products should be dispatched for livestock consumption without first being pasteurised or otherwise effectively heat-treated to destroy potential pathogens. The exception to this is where there is regulatory provision for raw milk to be sent direct to farm and all requirements relating to this are met in full by the Participant.</i>

Labelling and Identification		
F 3.1	Requirement	Where feed products are raw, this must be clearly stated in the accompanying documentation.

Premises		
G 1.10	Requirement	When Cleaning in Place (CIP) systems are in operation, applicants must be able to demonstrate that residual cleaning agents are not present in Dairy Products at levels that may be detrimental to livestock.

Stock Management		
H 8.2	Interpretation	<i>Due to the nature of liquid dairy products, particular attention should be given to the avoidance of fermentation and the formation of biogenic amines, caused by the degradation of proteins due to spoilage.</i>

Drier / Heat-Treatment		
H 12.6	Requirement	<p>Participants must prevent products that have not been heat-treated (e.g. raw milk, raw milk washings) from coming into contact with heat-treated products.</p> <p>Wherever heat-treated products and products that have not been heat-treated do come into contact with each other, all affected products must be managed as raw.</p>



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