



FEMAS Sector Note No. 4 – Whole Cereal Processing

These Sector Notes apply to businesses processing whole cereal grains for use as animal feed.

NOTE: Participants processing or placing on the market maize and maize products should also be aware of and comply with **Sector Note No. 15 – Maize Aflatoxin Monitoring Protocol**.

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

Products of Whole Cereal Processing	Including but not limited to by-products/ co-products from wheat milling, oat milling, dry maize milling and wet maize milling, rye milling, rice milling and similar processes. Whole cereals that have been cooked, flaked, extruded, expanded, cut, cleaned or otherwise processed. Small grains separated during the processing of whole cereals.
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2 Sector-Specific Notes

HACCP and Feed Safety Risk Assessment		
B 1.7	Interpretation	<p>Sector-specific potential hazards include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contamination or damage of raw materials during drying undertaken by suppliers (e.g. presence of partially combusted fuels, heavy metals, Dioxins and PCBs, and product burnt during drying) • The presence of undesirable weed seeds • The concentration of contaminants in by-products/ co-products • Potential presence of Mycotoxins due to growing, harvest or storage conditions • The presence of non-protein nitrogen products • The presence of GM admixture in imported cereals

Equipment Intended to Control Physical Contamination		
H 13.4	Interpretation	Consideration should also be given to the destination of materials removed by any initial screening at intake.



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