

## Examiner's Report

### Qualifications Framework

### Stage 2: Unit 4 Feed Examiner Report May 2025

### Written Examiner's Report May 2025

#### General advice to candidates

Three candidates sat this paper. The total marks ranged from 20% to 53%

Where the question includes the name of the relevant legislation e.g. assimilated Regulation (EC) 767/2009 then marks are not awarded for repeating this information in an answer. Where the question does not state the legislation inclusion in a candidate's answer to the correct and relevant legislation may attract a mark(s).

Generally, candidates are not expected to give specific section, regulation or article numbers. However, candidates are expected to be able to identify the relevant Annexes I, II and III of assimilated Regulation (EC) 183/2005 on feed hygiene for applicable premises types.

#### Section A

**Q1.** All three candidates selected this question.

This question was examining knowledge of the requirement for claims regarding feed set out in Article 13. Generally well answered, with answers explaining what constitutes a claim, the substantiation requirements and the prohibition on claims relating to the prevention, treatment or curing disease.

**Q2.** One candidate selected this question.

Answers should have referenced the relevant legislation, the situations under which the health risk condition may be met, including the scope of 'health' and the feed business emergency prohibition notice issued where there is an 'imminent risk'.

**Q3.** All three candidates selected this question.

Whilst candidates identified the requirement for safe food including no direct adverse effect on the environment and animals, there are other key marketing requirements in the Article i.e. sound, genuine, unadulterated, fit for its purpose and of merchantable quality; labelled,

packaged and presented in accordance with applicable legislation; and technical provisions on impurities and other chemical determinants.

**Q4.** One candidate selected this question.

This question focussed on the use of conditional approval, when it is appropriate to use and its purpose i.e. to enable the feed officer to ascertain if systems are being operated appropriately e.g. HACCP before determining full approval.

Marks were available for referencing the relevant legislation and the time limits applicable to the use of conditional approval.

**Q5.** One candidate selected this.

The question asked for an explanation of the two terms. Both are defined in regulations. A word for word copy of the definition is not required although candidates who know this may do so. Candidates may provide a description in their own words and use of examples can support their explanation.

**Q6.** All three candidates selected this question.

Two candidates identified the key differences between R7 and R12 activities, except the scope of R12 to non-food businesses for co-products was missed i.e. biofuel manufacture.

## **Section B**

**Q7.** One candidate selected this question.

This question reflects the frequent requests for advice that trading standards services receive due to the trend for production of dog food in domestic premises.

The answer covered three areas of specified feed law, assimilated regulations 178/2002, 183/2005 and 767/2009. Along with safety provisions and a particular focus on Annex II requirements of 183/2005, a brief description of the mandatory labelling for a compound feed would account for most of the marks.

Further marks were available for signposting to APHA for approval if using products of animal origin.

**Q8.** All three candidates selected this question.

Part (a) of the question was looking for detailed knowledge of feed officer powers to inspect premises. The marking scheme recognised each element to be met for the officer to be able to use the power.

Part (b) examined knowledge of feed hazards and the practical steps to take in response to non-compliance. The hazards were generally understood and follow up action described including potential use of notices. Other actions not identified by candidates included

Identification and follow up with the farmer receiving the surplus food to understand how the bread packaging is handled on farm, determining how long the retailer has supplied surplus food to understand the extent of non-compliance into the food chain and engagement with APHA.

**Q9.** Two candidates selected this question.

A question focussed on HACCP required answers to include an explanation of the concept and the 7 principles.

A clear explanation of the legal requirement for HACCP in assimilated Regulation 183/2005 was needed i.e. to put in place, implement and maintain a permanent written procedure(s) based on HACCP and the establishments to which it applies.

Easy marks were lost for not being able give examples of non-compliance with HAACP e.g. a R12 food business only having a HACCP for food, HACCP not being documented, or not being updated when there are changes.

**Q10.** No candidates selected this question.