

Qualifications Framework written examination

Unit 4: Feed

November 2025

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate clearly at the top of the answer booklet, the law viewpoint from which you will be answering: English, Scottish or Welsh.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not in force (i.e. has been enacted) and regulations which have been made but are not yet in force, if they are directly relevant to the subject-matter of the examination.

Examination structure

There are two sections to the examination paper:

Section A Consists of six questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.
Total allocation of marks is 40 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 30 minutes.

Section B Consists of four questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 60 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 60 minutes.

Total time allowed – one hour 30 minutes (plus ten minutes' reading time).

Note:

The Product Safety paper is a **closed book**; no materials are permitted to be taken into the examination room.

*The examination paper has **(three)** pages, including this front sheet.*

Exam: Unit 4: Feed

Exam cycle: November 2025

Date: 6 November 2025

Reading time: 10 minutes

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Max: 100 marks

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.

Each question carries ten marks.

Total: 40 marks.

1. Explain the terms label, labelling and presentation as defined in Assimilated Regulation (EC) 767/2009.

(10 marks)

2. Explain the two approaches for a feed business to qualify for Earned Recognition and the action required when a local authority identifies a business with Earned Recognition that no longer has, at least, satisfactory compliance.

(10 marks)

3. Explain how to prepare final samples of a solid feed ready for submission for analysis in accordance with Assimilated Regulation (EC) 152/2009, from an aggregate sample of 6kg.

The analysis is for a uniformly distributed constituent and is taken at the manufacturing site.
Information to include on the sample labels is not required.

(10 marks)

4. Explain the requirements at the border for a business importing high risk feed of non-animal origin into Great Britain, giving an example of a feed to which these controls apply.

(10 marks)

5. Explain how the labelling requirements for a compound pet food sold online differs from that sold at a supermarket.

(10 marks)

6. Explain the requirements in Annex III Good Animal Feeding Practice of Assimilated Regulation (EC) 183/2005 for pasture grazing and water systems for animals.

(10 marks)

Section A total of 40 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B

Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Each question carries 30 marks.
Total: 60 marks.

7. The requirements placed on feed business operators for traceability, product withdrawal and recall ensure that unsafe feed products are not used.

Discuss this statement, explaining the legal requirements and their practical application.

(30 marks)

8. Discuss the requirements for issuing an improvement notice and their effectiveness as an enforcement tool to achieve compliance with feed law.

(30 marks)

9. **Answer both parts of the question:**

You receive a complaint from a local dairy farmer that the feed he has been supplied is deficient in protein and he is demanding that a sample is submitted for analysis. The feed is supplied by a feed manufacturer, also located in your local authority area.

- (a) Explain what action you would take to investigate the complaint. A description of how to take a sample is not required.

(22 marks)

The Agriculture Analyst reports that the sample is deficient in protein, being outside the permitted tolerance for compositional labelling of feed.

- (b) What possible offences may have been committed?

(8 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

10. Critically evaluate how the registration of feed business premises supports the supply of safe feed.

Descriptions of the registration activity codes are not required.

(30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.