

Examiner's Report

Qualifications Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Feed Written Examiner's Report November 2025

One candidate sat this paper and therefore marks awarded are not included in this report.

General advice to candidates

Where the question includes the name of the relevant legislation e.g. assimilated Regulation (EC) 767/2009 marks are not awarded for repeating this information in an answer. Where the question does not state the legislation, a mark may be awarded for referencing the regulation in a candidate's answer. However, this should not be interpreted to list every regulation. The examiner will be looking for the relevant regulation only.

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. This question draws on the definitions of the three concepts label, labelling and presentation, in assimilated Regulation (EC) 767/2009. Good answers will include all the elements of the definition. The question did not require a list of the mandatory labelling requirements.

Q2. The two approaches to earned recognition are established in the Feed Law Code of Practice. Answers should explain the criteria for both, including the appropriate level of compliance required.

Q3. Attention to the question was required. Candidates were asked how to prepare final samples from an aggregate portion. Details on incremental samples were not therefore relevant. Marks were available for stating that weights would be taken at relevant points and recorded to prove that minimum quantity requirements were met.

Q4. This was a question about assimilated Regulation (EC) 2017/1973 including prenotification and presentation of a consignment at an authorised Border Control Post. Marks were available for explaining the additional requirements for Annex II feeds subject to special conditions (Annex 2 in Wales). Relatively easy marks were available for giving examples of feeds subject to border control under the regulation as there are very few.

Q5. The question focussed on the differences between feed sold at a supermarket with that sold on-line. It did not therefore require a list of all the information to be provided on a feed label just those that are not required on the material supporting the distance communication e.g. a website.

Q6. Answers needed to include the requirements listed in Annex III of assimilated Regulation (EC) 1831/2003. Candidates who are familiar with the model inspection forms for livestock farms could have drawn from that for a comprehensive answer.

Section B

Q7. Answers should include details of both Article 18 Traceability and Article 20 Withdrawal and recall of assimilated Regulation (EC) 178/2002.

The question was looking for candidates to critically analyse the requirements and how they operate in practice. With critical analysis it is anticipated that limitations in the effectiveness of requirements will be identified e.g. the legislation does not require businesses to have withdrawal/recall procedures and to periodically test them.

The question was not looking for details of HACCP.

Q8. Answers should provide details of when an improvement notice can be issued and the information to be included (the regulations are specific about the information required). Explanation of the time periods and appeal provisions could lead into a discussion on the effectiveness of improvement notices. Good answers would consider the issue of notices where there are multiple non-compliances and the consequences of non-compliance with the notice itself.

Q9. A practical question looking for candidates to demonstrate their knowledge of how to respond to a feed complaint including the rights of a purchaser to have a sample analysed, subject to the criteria in the Agriculture Act 1970. Answers should also include the information to be obtained from the feed manufacturer in assessing the complaint and the feed's compliance.

The second part of this question follows on from the first part in relation to protein deficiency requiring candidates to identify potential breaches of legislation if an unsatisfactory sample result is reported by the Agricultural Analyst. There may be several potential offences to describe.

Q10. A question focussed on registration for candidates to explain the purpose of regulation, when registration applies and the exemptions. The question specifically stated that an explanation of the codes was not required.

There are a number of points to raise in evaluating whether registration supports feed safety include differentiating registration from approval, suspension and revocation processes, the requirement to only purchase from registered businesses.