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Stage 2: Feed Written Examiner's Report May 2026

General

Three candidates sat this paper. Where more than one candidate answered a question, the range of marks is provided and where three answered an average (by rounding) is also included.

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 Answered by one candidate.

Both terms are defined in legislation and marks were awarded for correctly identifying the relevant assimilated regulation. Good answers would include all the provisions of the definition.

Q2 Answered by two candidates. Range of marks 7 - 8

Good marks were achieved with candidates able to explain the 7 principles of HACCP. Answers including all the elements of each principle would achieve higher marks.

Q3 Answered by two candidates. Range of marks 2 – 7.

This question required candidates to explain the terms hazard and risk, which are defined in legislation. A mark was awarded for correctly identifying the relevant assimilated regulation.

The question did not require an explanation of the types of feed incident.

Q4 Answered by one candidate.

Marks were equally available for explaining the roles of VMD and APHA, five marks per agency, one mark for each role. As stated in the question, the roles must relate to animal feed.

Q5 Answered by two candidates. Range of marks 4 – 8, average 5.

The three terms are defined in assimilated regulations, so a mark was awarded for identifying that regulation. Good answers explained what these terms mean in practice and included the default weight/volume associated with each sample type.

- Q6** Answered by all three candidates. Range of marks 5 – 8, average 7.
The term is defined in assimilated regulation, and a mark was available for identifying that regulation. Good answers required candidates to identify all the elements of the definition supported with examples to demonstrate their understanding.

Section B

- Q7** Answered by two candidates. Range of marks 10 – 13.
Answers were generally practical in content which is positive but more legal context would have attracted higher marks. Differentiation between TSE and ABP requirements were generally not clearly demonstrated. The question also required content on feed hygiene, safety including traceability and labelling.

Good answers would acknowledge how some of the requirements under feed law could be met based on it being a food business.

- Q8** Answered by one candidate.
A question to demonstrate knowledge of the registration and approval process in feed law. This would include all potential stages from application, conditional and full approval, changes to the business, suspension and revocation.

Marks were available for identifying the legislation, both assimilated EU and domestic.

- Q9** No candidates selected this question.
Essentially a question requiring demonstration of knowledge of Articles 11 & 13 of Assimilated Regulation (EC) 767/2009 and Article 16 of Assimilated Regulation (EC) 178/2002.

- Q10** Answered by all three candidates. Range of marks 16 - 18, average 17.
A scenario-based question, typically popular with candidates where presumably they can draw on their own experience. This was reflected in the answers. Whilst it examined how candidates would approach the complaint in the context of animal feed in relation to the farm and the feed manufacturer, a significant part of the question related to authorised office powers.

More detail on the legislation for powers would secure higher marks. Simply stating you have powers to enter a premises, take a sample, inspect records etc does not demonstrate a fuller understanding of the provisions.

Details of Assimilated Regulation (EC) 178/2002 were not required.