

Examiner's report

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General

The exam was very well answered, and it was evident that there had been a significant amount of revision for the subject area and the candidate understood feed law enforcement.

The examination paper was split into two sections, with Section A comprising of 4 questions out of 6 that required answering and allowing up to 40% of the total marks awarded. Overall, this section was answered extremely well with the candidate showing a breadth of knowledge on the subject area and few marks were lost.

Section B in the written examination required 2 questions to be chosen out of a choice of 4 and accounted for 60% of the total overall marks. Again, this section was answered exceptionally well with few marks lost and showing a good standard of revision and understanding of the subject area.

The time allowed for the written examination was 1.5 hours plus 10 minutes reading time. Exam technique and time management did not appear to be an issue, with the paper marked completed to a high standard. As a reminder to candidates preparing for future written examinations, ALL sections must be attempted, and the front of the exam paper provides guidance for candidates on the suggested time allocation per section.

Candidates need to be concise in their answer and need to ensure they answer the question asked. Spelling and grammar were, overall, fine.

Section A

- Q1** This question related to the inspection of a feed business operator registered as an R10 mixing feed with additives and/or premixtures, requiring the candidate to explain the checks required as part of an inspection. This question was well answered.
- Q2** The question required the candidate to have knowledge of HACCP systems and the difference between pre-requisite requirements and critical control points.
- Q3** This question related to the requirements for Regulation 999/2001 TSE regulations and the controls in place for animal feedingstuffs.
- Q4** The question related to the differing roles of the agencies involved in feed law enforcement, including VMD, APHA and the LA. This question was well answered.
- Q5** The question required the candidate to demonstrate that they understood the requirements for the enforcement of the food hygiene regulations at the levels of primary production for products of Non-Animal Origin.

Q6 This question required the candidate to evaluate the effectiveness of differing types of sampling apparatus that may be used in the sampling of a solid feed material.

Section B

Q7 This question required the candidate to evaluate the effectiveness of the official controls in accordance with Regulation (EC) 183/2005 when applied to a transporter of feed registered as an R08.

Q8 The question required the candidate to demonstrate that they could advise a feed business operator in the manufacture of raw petfood with regards their legal obligations and included knowledge on regulations 183/2005, 767/2009, 999/2001, 1069/2009 and 178/2002. This question was well answered with a good level of knowledge.

Q9 This question required discussion regarding effective information sharing and for the candidate to critically evaluate the information that is presently available as part of the official controls for feed safety.

Q10 This question required the candidate to demonstrate that they had knowledge on the use of former food stuffs in the feed industry and knowledge on the prohibited materials in feed as detailed in Regulation (EC) 767/2009. This question was well answered.