

Diploma in Consumer Affairs and Trading Standards

AGRICULTURE

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Candidates answering the questions from the Scottish or Welsh law viewpoint: Please ensure you write "Scottish" or "Welsh" on the front of your examination booklet.

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.

There are three sections to the examination paper:

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| <i>Section A</i> | Consists of five questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer all questions.
Total allocation of marks is 25 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 45 minutes. |
| <i>Section B</i> | Consists of two questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer one question.
Total allocation of marks is 25 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 45 minutes. |
| <i>Section C</i> | Consists of three questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 50 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 90 minutes. |

Total time allowed – three hours (plus ten minutes reading time).

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

*The examination paper has **six** pages, including this front sheet.*

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer **all** questions -
total of 25 marks.

1. Briefly explain, with examples, what is meant by the terms 'feed business operator' and 'placing on the market', in the context of feed law.
(5 marks)

2. Briefly outline the controls on feed of non-animal origin imported into the UK.
(5 marks)

3. Answer **both** parts
 - (a) Briefly outline the two types of earned recognition that a feed business operator may be awarded.
(3 marks)
 - (b) What must a competent authority do on removal of a feed business operator's earned recognition status?
(2 marks)(total 5 marks)

4. Briefly outline the responsibilities placed on feed business operators in ensuring the presence and substantive accuracy of the required labelling particulars of feed materials, under Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed.
(5 marks)

5. Briefly outline the advice you would give to a large-scale transporter of cereals on how to comply with the requirements, excluding the need to register with the Competent Authority, of Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene.
(5 marks)

Section A total of 25 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B

Candidates should attempt to answer **one from two** questions - total of 25 marks.

6. **English and Welsh students only:**

“The achievement of the FSA’s (England and Wales) strategic goal of ‘Food We Can Trust’ will require a fundamental redesign of the FSA’s regulatory role and of the way in which regulation is delivered”.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

(25 marks)

6. **Scottish students only:**

With the imminent introduction of a ‘proposed’ new feed delivery model in Scotland, critically assess the extent that these proposals go beyond simply addressing the findings of the three DG Health and Food Safety (formerly the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)) audits of the UK between 2009 and 2014?

(25 marks)

7. To what extent does the Feed Law Code of Practice in England, Scotland and Wales, respectively, support competent authorities to ensure consistent and effective, risk-based official controls at all stages of production, distribution, use, storage, transport, import and export of feed?

Discuss.

(25 marks)

Section B total of 25 marks.

End of Section B.

Section C

Candidates should attempt to answer **two from three** questions - total of 50 marks.

8. Answer **both** parts

Your authority charges for business advice to generate income, to sustain services.

After initial market research, you are tasked by your line manager to scope out a project to develop a series of bite-size guides. Your manager allocates you a budget of £10,000 and specifies that the guides:

- must be aimed at farmers operating at the level of primary production and those who are required to implement systems based on HACCP principles; and
- are required to cover a farmer's legal obligations under Annexes I, II and III, as appropriate, under Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 laying down requirements for feed hygiene.

(a) Draft an outline project proposal, including details of the proposed format, content, proposed channel(s) of communication, and how you would market the bite-size guides to farmers.

(13 marks)

Twelve months after the success of the bite-size guides, your line manager asks you to review your Authority's website pages with regard to the current information provided to feed businesses on how to apply for feed hygiene registration.

The website currently only hosts a link to the Food Standards Agency's model feed hygiene application form.

(b) Outline the likely format and content of the web page(s) to assist feed businesses in your area to apply for the appropriate feed hygiene registration.

(12 marks)

(total 25 marks)

Section C is continued over the page.

9. Answer **both** parts

You are contacted by the Compliance Manager of a large national supermarket chain with which your Authority already has a primary authority relationship. He informs you that they are considering placing surplus bakery waste, from their instore bakeries, into the feed chain across their 850 UK stores, but he wants to fully understand what the legal requirements are with regard to feed law and the responsibilities this places on the business.

He informs you that they have wet fish, cooked and uncooked meat counters and a rotisserie in 70% of the stores.

(a) Detail your advice to the Compliance Manager in the form of a letter.

(13 marks)

Six months after giving your advice, the Compliance Manager asks you for specific advice on producing and implementing HACCP, and asks if you would give a short presentation to his team of compliance officers who will be leading on developing and implementing the plan.

(b) Prepare an outline content and structure plan of what your presentation would include.

(12 marks)

(total 25 marks)

Section C is continued over the page.


10. Answer **both** parts

You are due to conduct an inspection of Vita Cat Pet Products Ltd, a large manufacturer of dry and wet food. This is the first inspection carried out at these premises. Before you visit, you check the company's website and note that the claims listed below are being made, on a variety of their products, across all cat age ranges. Sporadic mandatory feed labelling information is being provided.

- Contains 85% high quality animal protein.
- No added artificial colours, flavours or preservatives.
- Developed with veterinarians to provide a 100% complete and balanced meal to keep your favourite feline strong.
- All our cat foods have been fortified with seven essential nutrients to keep your cat's heart healthy and strong.
- Rich in vitamin E to help support a strong immune system and has been formulated for healthy joints.

(a) Describe fully how you would carry out an inspection, from preparation through to returning to your office, including any records that you would inspect and why, to ensure that the business is complying with feed law, and any post inspection administration. (13 marks)

(b) Comment on the extent of compliance with applicable feed labelling legislation of the label depicted below, which you examine during the inspection of a 100g pouch of wet cat food. (12 marks)

Front of Label	Back of Label								
<p style="text-align: center;">Pet Food for Senior Cats</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ingredients: Minerals, cereals, meat and meat derivatives</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Rich in Vitamin E</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Contains fresh chicken and vegetables</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use by: 3/4/2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">100g</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Analysis (%)</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Fibre</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">0.3</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Protein</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">8</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Ash</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">1.6</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Fat</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">5</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Contains:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vitamin E, Calcium Iodate, Taurine, Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate, Cupric sulphate pentahydrate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feeding: When first feeding this product allow a transition phase and adjust amounts according to your pet's needs.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">GM FREE</p>	Fibre	0.3	Protein	8	Ash	1.6	Fat	5
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(total 25 marks)

Section C total of 50 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.