

## 6.2.4. Assessment of Packaged Raw Material.

### Standard

Are all received packaged raw materials adequately labelled (including ruminant feed warning statement) and in sound condition when received?

*Reference to the provision of RAM labelling requirement.*

### Purpose

Ensuring all packaged raw material contain the correct label information, including RAM or medicated status.

### Reason

Packaged raw materials are processed according to an inwards goods procedure prior to accepting into production. By following the procedure, the operator can ensure each material is subject to a quality assurance program.

Correctly labelled raw materials ensure the operator can store in appropriate conditions and issue material to production.

Suppliers of packaged raw material have a legal responsibility to declare *“all meat or blood products from any vertebrate animal or bird including meat meal, meat and bone meal, bone flour, poultry meal, fish meal, and also feather meal or any part of an animal”*. Operators have a regulatory responsibility under Biosecurity Regulation 2017, to confirm the RAM status of packaged raw material is correctly identified on labels.

## What is Acceptable?

### Labelling Requirements

A summary of the information a packaged raw material should contain at a minimum, is found below:

1. Signal Heading i.e. **“This product contains restricted animal material – DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, DEER OR OTHER RUMINANTS”, “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”**<sup>1,2</sup>
2. Precautions or contraindications – If raw material is registered with APVMA, such as medicinal, Signal heading must reflect this.
3. Safety Directions and First Aid Statement<sup>1</sup>.
4. Name of Product – should be unambiguous and refer to categories where applicable.
5. Name, quantity, and concentration of active constituents.
6. Directions for use.
7. Withholding period (if applicable).
8. Disposal Statement.
9. Net weight/volume.
10. MFG/EXP, alternatively use of ‘best before’ or ‘use-by date’ are also acceptable.
11. Storage Instructions.
12. Supplier details – Company name, address, contact.

<sup>1</sup> Uniform Standard for the Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP)

<sup>2</sup> Section 2.1 of the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Code of Practice for the Labelling of Veterinary Chemical Products

For more information on bag label regulatory requirements, see Fact Sheet 4.3.1.

### RAM Labelling Requirements

Any material containing RAM must be labelled with the statement:

**“This product contains restricted animal material – DO NOT FEED TO CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS, DEER OR ANY OTHER RUMINANTS”**

Appropriate measures for storage and use of RAM material shall be implemented (Fact Sheet 2.10.4). For the processing of unlabelled bagged RAM, ensure Fact Sheet 2.10.5 is addressed and labelling requirements outlined above are met.

#### Physical Inspection

As part of the inwards good procedure, the condition of packaged raw material shall be determined prior to accepting. If the packaging is damaged by evidence of pest, water, integrity, or tampering – the approved personnel shall quarantine until supplier is contacted. Communication with supplier shall determine appropriate disposal or return of raw material and provisions to replace damaged stock.

#### Corrective Action

If packaged material arrives onsite without appropriate RAM labelling then one of these two options can be employed:

1. RAM labelling is immediately applied to materials before they are placed into storage, or
2. Materials are quarantined and returned to supplier.

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