

2.10.4 Control of RAM Storage

Standard

Is RAM stored in designated bins or storage areas?

Importance relates to feed mills manufacturing ruminant feeds and also storing or using RAM on site.

Purpose

To ensure RAM material is stored in designated bins and separate from other material.

Reason

The ruminant feeding ban has helped prevent the risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), allowing the provision of safe beef and beef products. Operators have a regulatory requirement to appropriately store and manage all RAM material.

By having designated bins and storage areas for the sole purpose of holding RAM material, the operator will successfully:

- Reduce potential contamination of ingredient or finished feeds.
- Ensure safe manufacturing of ruminant feeds.
- Meet regulatory requirements regarding the Australian ruminant feed ban (refer to recommended reading).

What is Acceptable?

A combination of standards will assist the operator to meet this standard. Fact Sheet 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 outlines the importance of clear identification in storage areas. Fact Sheet 2.3.5 highlights the necessity for regular inspection and maintenance of storage areas. This is particularly important for storage areas holding RAM product. The integrity of storage areas shall be maintained to prevent overflow, and contamination of surrounding product. Batching bins should be checked to confirm they discharge as designed, and they should not leak. Raw material bins used for RAMs when emptied should be inspected and cleaned prior to filling with other raw materials.

All storage areas should be labelled and marked on the site plan (Fact Sheet 2.1.1), particularly where RAM is stored, loaded and blended.

For bulk RAM receivals refer to Fact Sheet 2.10.1.

For unlabeled RAM receivals refer to Fact Sheet 2.10.5.

For formulations and RAM refer to 2.10.6 and 4.1.1 & 4.1.2

For reworks and RAM refer to 2.10.7 and 8.4.3.

Recommending Reading

[Australian Ruminant Feed Ban National Uniform Guidelines](#), Animal Health Australia.

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