

9.3.3. Bulk Vehicles Previously carrying RAM

Standard

Are bulk vehicles which have carried feed containing restricted animal materials cleaned prior to loading ruminant feeds?

Purpose

To ensure proper inspection and cleaning conducted prior to loading of other material.

Reason

RAM is defined as tissue, blood or feathers derived from the carcass of an animal, including any substance produced from or containing any such tissue blood or feathers (but not including tallow, gelatine, milk or milk products). RAM includes any rendered animal meal including but not limited to meat and bone meal, fish meal or poultry offal meal.

In 1996 Australia has implemented a ruminant feeding ban to help prevent the establishment of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The ban has ensured the provision of safe beef, and beef products, to international markets.

Monitoring and controlling vehicles previously having carried RAM, ensures cross-contamination is prevented into ruminant feeds. Operators should emphasise on inspections prior to loading new delivery.

What is Acceptable?

The loading of bulk feeds containing RAM on the same load as ruminant feeds should be avoided. Where this is unavoidable, the appropriate cleaning and sanitising shall be carried out. Principles as discussed in Fact Sheet 9.3.2 are applicable.

Inspection Checklist

See Fact Sheet 9.3.2.

Note, delivery vehicles previously carrying RAM shall be removed of all physical and chemical remnants by high pressure water wash with sanitiser or steam.

Checking of Delivery Note

Procedure or process shall ensure to check delivery notes and be approved by mill manager. Minimum level of information captured:

Table 1. Example Delivery note provided to recipient.

Delivery Note	
Date	
Time	
Site Name	
Bulk Finished Product / out-loading bin ID	
Net weight loaded	
Truck Compartment No.	
Previous Load Location	
Previous Load (Name/formula)	
RAM	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Medicated Feeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clean/Flush/Sequence	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> S
Loadout Personnel Sign off	

Transport Driver Declaration

Declarations may be provided to mill manager/authorised personnel prior to the arrival of truck on site. Declarations may be cross-referenced when delivery trucks are inspected on-site.

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