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2.3.1. Design and Maintenance of Storage Areas

Standard

Are storage areas designed and maintained to prevent damage to, contamination, unintended mixing, or spoilage of ingredients and packaging materials?

Purpose

To ensure proper design of storage areas to prevent any damage or contamination, such as unintended mixing or spoilage.

Reason

All storage areas shall be designed to store raw materials, packaging, cleaning and finished product/Bulk Feed in appropriate clean and labelled areas. A scheduled maintenance or cleaning of storage areas will also ensure no new damages, and condition is still appropriate for requirements.

Ingredients and packaging materials can be compromised where inappropriate storage has led to:

1. Spoilage.
2. Leaking.
3. Damage of packaging integrity.
4. Contamination of ingredients.
5. Pest damage.

What is Acceptable?

Storage areas shall be labelled on a site map and indicate the type of storage, i.e. finished feeds or raw materials.
When designing a storage facility, the operator shall consider:

1. Storage size is appropriate to store ingredient or packaging.
2. Cross-contamination is eliminated by segregating packaging and ingredients.
3. Design consideration to prevent storage of ingredients directly on the ground.
4. Clearly labelled storage areas.
5. Control of pests is planned and monitored.
6. Unauthorised access control.
7. Segregate incompatible ingredients, i.e. medicines and RAM.
8. Lock and control of S4 medication (Fact Sheet 2.9.3).
9. Regular maintenance/cleaning (Fact Sheet 2.3.5).
    a. At scheduled intervals.
    b. Cleaning records.

Where a storage facility requires temperature monitoring, the operator shall consider:

1. Scheduled maintenance of cold room and room temperature loggers.
2. Calibrations, where applicable and at scheduled intervals.

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