

8.2.6. Correct Storage of Bulk Finished Feeds.

Standard

Are bulk finished feeds correctly stored at the end of production to ensure separation and integrity of finished product?

Storage bins, silos and tanks, labelling and identification as per clause 2.3.2

For silos and bin maintenance refer to clause 2.2.3.

Purpose

To ensure procedures are followed for the storage of bulk finished feeds that allow for separation and maintaining integrity.

Reason

The correct storage of bulk finished feeds ensure product quality is maintained, cross-contamination is prevented and there is operational efficiency. Proper identification ensures no incorrect feed is loaded or stored in bins, tanks, or silos i.e. sequencing of trucks.

What is Acceptable?

Maintenance of storage area

The maintenance of silos, bins and tanks shall be maintained (Fact Sheet 2.2.3). No visible leaks, cracks, or pest infestation shall be detected.

HACCP Risk Assessment

The HACCP assessment shall risk assess the segregation of finished product according to the available silos, bins and tanks (Fact Sheet 5.2.1 to 5.2.4). Where a Critical Control Point (CCP) or high-risk process is determined – measures shall be implemented to mitigate the risk i.e. sequencing.

Allocating finished bulk feeds

Silos, bins and tanks are designed to hold and store different batches of finished feeds maintaining the integrity of the finished product. A procedure should be implemented for the allocation of finished bulk feeds into storage as per a sequencing structure (Fact Sheet 9.1.2 & 9.1.3). The procedure shall have processes taking into consideration cross-contamination measures such as cleaning and sanitisation after previous loads.

Identification and Labelling

The operator shall implement a consistent identification system for all out-loading and packaging systems. Principles as discussed in Fact Sheet 2.3.2 shall be used. Note, segregation and identification of silos, bins and tanks is crucial in multi-species mill, where medicated or RAM products are produced. Accidental carry-over or cross-contamination can have detrimental effects to animal health and safety.

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