

2.3.5. Inspection and Maintenance of Storage Areas

Standard

Is there an inspection and maintenance program for storage silos, bins, tanks and sheds which prevents raw material quality being compromised?

Silos and storage areas are checked either during stock take, preventative maintenance, or some other defined event. Confirm through sighting records.

Purpose

Organisation has implemented regular maintenance and inspection of storage areas to ensure product and material integrity and hygiene.

Reason

Regular inspections and scheduled maintenance detect problems such as moisture, mould and insect infestations. They may also detect issues with silo, bins or tanks that may contaminate raw material. The standard is important to ensure raw material quality and integrity is not compromised while in storage.

A proactive approach means, early detection allows for early intervention.

What is Acceptable?

Inspection and maintenance can form part the operators Cleaning & Pest Management of storage areas (Fact Sheet 2.8.2). The maintenance of silos, bins and tanks shall be included in the operators Preventative Maintenance Program (Fact Sheet 2.2.5). The condition and parts of these storage facilities shall be assessed and recorded during scheduled inspections. Scheduled inspections may be conducted weekly or fortnightly during Mill walk and recorded.

Where there has been unfavorable conditions or heavy rainfall, random and unplanned inspections shall take place. The operators shall ensure the quality of the raw material is not compromised as a result of moisture, mould or pest infestation. When performing inspections, the [Feed Mill Hygiene Guide](#) and [FeedSafe Mill Hygiene Training Module](#) shall be considered.

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