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VETERINARY SERVICES ACT
(CAP. 437)

Methods of Sampling and Analysis for the Official Control of Feed Rules, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 5, 10 and 25 of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister responsible for veterinary services after consultation with the Minister responsible for public health, has made the following rules:-

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these rules is the Methods of Sampling and Analysis for the Official Control of Feed Rules, 2025.

(2) The scope of these rules is to implement the requirements of Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed, as in force from time to time.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

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"Act" means the Veterinary Services Act;

"Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009" means Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 of 27 January 2009 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed, as in force from time to time:

Provided that in these rules "Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009" shall also include all the delegated or implementing acts as adopted by the European Union according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009, as applicable on a case-by-case basis";

"competent authority" means the Department as defined in the Act; and

"Official Controls Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No

1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation), as in force from time to time:

Provided that in these rules, "Official Control Regulations" shall also include all the delegated or implementing acts as adopted by the European Union according to the Official Controls Regulation, as applicable on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in these rules and which are not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in Article 3 of the Official Controls Regulation and in article 2 of the Act.

Part IX of the Act.

3. Without prejudice to any other power or responsibility in accordance with the law, and to its application in any other manner in accordance with the law, Part IX of the Act shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to these rules.

Offences and punishments.

4. (1) Without prejudice to rule 3, any person who breaches the provisions of these rules or any obligation in accordance with these rules, or breaches a provision of Commission Regulation (EC) No 152/2009, or hinders any person responsible for their implementation, shall on conviction, be liable to the punishments established in the Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (1), the Court may also order any person guilty of an offence, to pay for the expenses incurred by the competent authority and the Director as a result of the said offence, as well as the revocation of any permit or certificate issued under these rules and the confiscation, retention or destruction or other means of disposal of the animals involved.

Repeal and saving.

5. (1) The rules listed hereunder are hereby being repealed and substituted by these rules:

S.L. 437.54.

(a) Requirements for the Determination of Levels of Dioxins and Dioxin-like PCBs in Feedingstuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.55.

(b) Analytical Method for the Determination of Constituents of Animal Origin for the Official Control of

Feedingstuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.63. (c) Methods for Analysis in the Official Control of Feedingstuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.67. (d) Methods of Analysis for the Official Control of Feedingstuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.69. (e) Methods of Analysis for the Official Control of Feeding-Stuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.76. (f) Community Methods for the Analysis and Official Control of Feedingstuffs Rules;

S.L. 437.77. (g) Methods of Analysis for the Official Control of Feedingstuffs Rules; and

S.L. 437.82. (h) Analysis of Chemical Levels in the Control of Feedingstuffs Rules.

(2) Any act, decision, omission or action taken before the coming into force of these rules shall continue to be regulated by the provisions of the rules listed in sub-rule (1), as in force prior to the coming into force of these rules.

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