

**Suggested actions for various parties in supply chain of food animals affected by**

**(a) the Public Health (Animals and Health)(Chemical Residues) Regulation**

**(b) the Harmful Substances in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2001**

**(“the new legal requirements”)**

- The following list provides examples of suggested actions for the various parties affected by the new legal requirements to adopt.
- AFCD and FEHD will provide free training and arrange sufficient publicity to assist the trades to comply with controls under the new legal requirements.

| <b>Person and situation</b>                         | <b>Suggested Actions</b>  |
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| 1 Fodder trader /other person supplying chemicals   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not supply or offer to supply to a farmer or trader prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemical</li> <li>• Should not sell any fodder or fodder components containing agricultural and veterinary chemicals unless these chemicals are fully and properly labeled by producers, importers or distributors</li> <li>• Should only source raw ingredients from reputable suppliers and checks with the suppliers about contents of the fodder as to prohibited chemicals or agricultural and veterinary chemicals</li> <li>• Should keep records of purchases and should conduct appropriate audit checks on raw ingredients (e.g. performing checks on animals being fed with these ingredients by clients to ensure that the animals do not contain prohibited chemicals</li> <li>• When required by a suspension order, should withhold suspended fodder from the distribution channel</li> <li>• When required by a recall order, should recall the contaminated feed.</li> </ul> |
| 2. Farm owner/ worker/ licensee/ manager purchasing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should purchase fodder and fodder components from reputable suppliers only</li> </ul>  |

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| <p>animal fodder or directing worker to mix fodder</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should keep records of all fodder purchases</li> <li>• Should ensure that all fodder or fodder components known to contain agricultural and veterinary chemicals are properly labeled on the chemical contents and the respective withholding periods.</li> <li>• Should take special care in purchasing “growth promoters” (possibly containing prohibited or agricultural and veterinary chemicals) to ensure that these drugs and chemicals are fully labeled.</li> <li>• Should not purchase or possess prohibited chemicals or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals</li> <li>• Should not purchase fodder against which a suspension order is in force</li> <li>• Should return to the supplier any fodder or fodder ingredient against which a recall order is in force</li> <li>• Should provide workers with proper and clear instructions on how to mix rations (if mixing fodder on farm)</li> </ul>  |
| <p>3 Farm owner/ licensee/ occupier/ manager directing farm workers to feed food animals or to treat them with agricultural and veterinary chemicals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should provide clear instructions to workers on which fodder or fodder ingredients contain agricultural and veterinary chemicals and the respective withholding periods</li> <li>• Should ensure that food animals are not fed with prohibited chemicals, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should provide accurate information to workers about the status of fodder with respect to prohibited chemicals</li> <li>• Should ensure that workers are fully instructed on identifying animals under treatment with any agricultural and veterinary chemical or prohibited chemicals</li> <li>• Should provide workers with full details of the drugs used on food animals on the farm and the respective withholding period</li> <li>• Should ensure that, in the farm, there are no prohibited chemicals, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription and there are no unlabelled fodder ingredients containing agricultural and veterinary chemicals or prohibited chemicals</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should keep workers informed of changes in the composition of fodder used for livestock on the farm.</li> <li>• Should conduct regular audit checks on workers' feeding practices</li> </ul>   |
| <p>4 Farm owner/ worker/ manager/ occupier/ licensee mixing and preparing livestock feed</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should ensure that the fodder is mixed in accordance with instructions (e.g. on labels)</li> <li>• Should mix and prepare fodder in accordance with directions from owner/manager/licensee</li> <li>• Should read labels of all fodder components and mix agricultural and veterinary chemicals into ration at the proper concentrations</li> <li>• Should properly relabel all fodder and fodder components mixed on farm that contain agricultural and veterinary chemicals</li> <li>• Should not possess or add to fodder prohibited chemicals (except on veterinary prescription)</li> <li>• Should not use any unlabelled or unidentified fodder ingredient.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>5 Farm worker/ owner/ licensee/ manager/ owner feeding food animals</p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should only provide fodder of known composition to food animals</li> <li>• If unsure of the contents of the fodder, should confirm the contents with the farm manager, owner, licensee or fodder supplier</li> <li>• Should ensure that food animals given fodder containing agricultural and veterinary chemicals are identified and should keep record of the date on which the animals are fed with such fodder and the respective withholding periods</li> <li>• Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should not use fodder against which a suspension order is in force</li> <li>• Should return fodder to supplier against whom a recall order is in force</li> </ul> |

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| <p>6 Farm occupier (if not a farm owner, manager or licensee or worker)</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should avoid involvement in the management of the farm</li> <li>• Should avoid involvement in arranging supply of food animals for human consumption</li> </ul>   |
| <p>7 Farm owner/ occupier/ worker/ licensee / manager supplying food animals for slaughter</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should ensure that food animals are identified properly (e.g. tattooed) before leaving farm or formally delegates this (with full instructions) to a trained farm worker.</li> <li>• Should not use false ID marks or aid others to use false ID marks</li> <li>• Should check against records to make sure animals have met relevant withholding periods for agricultural and veterinary chemicals before dispatch, or formally delegates this, with full instructions, to a farm worker</li> <li>• Should provide information to transporter on the number of animals and their identification number (if appropriate)</li> <li>• Should not breach any suspension order and makes workers aware of any suspension order in place</li> <li>• Should comply with any recall order and ensure that the food animals concerned are recalled</li> <li>• Where he has delegated any tasks, should supervise the performance of those tasks</li> <li>• Should keep records of all transactions in the slaughterhouse for 7 days and produces such records when requested by senior veterinary officers or inspectors</li> </ul> |
| <p>8 Transporter picking up food animals</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not deliver food animals for farms or traders against whom a suspension order is in force</li> <li>• Should not deliver food animals against which a recall order is in force except for returning to the farm or trader concerned</li> <li>• Should obtain information from farmer on the tattoo number and quantity of food animals and record, as required, the correct particulars relating to the food animals he carries</li> <li>• Should conduct random check to make sure that the food</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <p>animals are identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should make sure that animals are being sent to a legitimate slaughterhouse or market</li> <li>• If he works on the farm, arrangement for farm workers regarding feeding and supplying of food animals (see items 5 &amp; 7 above) should also apply</li> <li>• Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemicals or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should ensure that food animals he brings into Hong Kong are accompanied by a valid health certificate stipulating the status of the animals with respect to prohibited chemicals and agricultural and veterinary chemicals.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>9 Transporter delivering food animals</p>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should check that food animals are properly identified and fills in admission form provided by FEHD at the slaughterhouses to provide FEHD with details of tattoo number and origin of animals</li> <li>• Should not pick up other animals in transit to slaughterhouse or market, or, if he does, should keep these animals segregated</li> <li>• Should refuse to deliver animals to non-licensed slaughterhouse, etc.</li> <li>• Should not deliver food animals for farms or traders subject to a suspension order</li> <li>• Should not deliver food animals subject to a recall order except for returning to the farm or trader concerned</li> <li>• Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should not feed food animals under his control with fodder of unknown chemical composition</li> </ul> |
| <p>10 Wholesaler, importer or animal trader buying and keeping animals</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not encourage or force food animal farmers to use prohibited chemicals</li> <li>• Should not encourage farmers to sell animals treated with agricultural and veterinary chemicals before the withholding period expires</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should purchase imported food animal only if they are accompanied by a valid health certificate regarding status of animals with respect to prohibited and agricultural and veterinary chemicals</li> <li>• Should purchase specified food animals only if they are properly identified</li> <li>• Should keep records of all purchases and sales including those conducted in the slaughterhouses</li> <li>• Should only purchase animals from food animal farmers and traders with good track record with respect to prohibited chemicals and maximum residue limits</li> <li>• Should not purchase food animals from farmers or traders against whom a suspension order for supply of animals is in force</li> <li>• Should locate and return food animals to the suppliers in accordance with recall order, if any</li> <li>• Should not have in his possession or under his control prohibited chemical, or fodder containing or mixed with prohibited chemicals, except on veterinary prescription</li> <li>• Should not feed food animals under his control with fodder of unknown chemical composition</li> </ul> |
| 11 Manager or director of corporation involved in animal trading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should provide staff involved in animal trading under his charge with clear instructions on procedures for keeping animals as per item 10 above</li> </ul>  |
| 12 Meat retailers and butchers                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should only procure meat from licensed slaughterhouses or poultry from reputable sources</li> <li>• Should keep receipts of all procurements</li> <li>• Should only purchase animals/meat from food animal traders or farmers with good track record with respect to prohibited chemicals and maximum residue limits</li> <li>• Should not purchase food animals against which a suspension order is in force</li> <li>• Should return food animals against which a recall order is in force to the farmer or trader concerned</li> </ul>   |

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