

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point – EC WTO TBT Enquiry Point
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Animal feed
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Animal Feed Marketing Board Regulation recognizing GMP in the Animal Feed Sector 2000.
6.	<p>Description of content: This regulation replaces the Animal Feed Regulation recognizing GMP in the Animal Feed Sector 1992 (notified under 92/0223/NL), as well as amendments I to VIII (all notified; amendments VI and VIII are not yet completed). The annex is subdivided into an annex with general GMP conditions and a number of annexes with specific additional GMP conditions for specific operations, such as the production and trade of compound feeds, pre-mixes, feeding stuffs for compound feed manufacturers and suppliers of single feedstuffs, etc. As a result, the specific GMP conditions shall be more conveniently arranged and more accessible for the various target groups. The intrinsic amendments <i>vis-à-vis</i> the replacement regulation concern the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The concept of basic quality is taken from the annex to Article 1. The term "own transport" is also included in Article 1, sub-paragraph j in connection with the additional GMP code for transport (annex VIII and IX). – In annex II, IV and V the conditions for the use of the HACCP principle by the suppliers of compound feeds and single feedstuffs to cattle farmers are included. HACCP (Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points) is a systematic method of analysing all the links of a production process, the identification of the potential dangers (hazards) and the assessment of the risks to product quality and safety. The businesses in a chain must enable this to bring about adequate control of all the possible risks. HACCP is a legally compulsory (and accepted) method of controlling food safety risks in the food industry within the European Union. – In annexes II, IV and V the GMP system is extended to the supply links (suppliers of feedstuffs).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Annex VI determines the GMP conditions for suppliers of fats. – In annex VIII the GMP conditions for the road transport of feedstuffs are laid down, including conditions in relation to (basic principles for) cleaning and disinfecting regimes and loading orders, the effects of which are to be regulated in more detail by order of the chair, on behalf of the administration. – Annex IX is new and concerns the conditions in relation to the transport of feedstuffs by sea, inland waterway or rail.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The regulation has been renewed because alongside the amendments (especially additions) a number of textual adaptations had to be made. In addition, it is intended that the regulation be more conveniently arranged and made more accessible. The objective of the current regulation is the same as the replacement regulation, namely the promotion of quality systems on a voluntary basis in companies in the animal feed sector.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents: Industrial Organisation Act Regulation Establishing the Marketing Board for Arable Farming</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 1 March 2001 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2001</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 5 February 2001</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</p>