

LAW ON FEEDINGSTUFFS

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**CHAPTER ONE
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1. Purpose of the Law

This Law establishes legal principles of production, storage, transportation, use and marketing of marketable feedingstuffs (hereinafter - feedingstuffs) and their official state quality control.

Article 2. Scope of the Law

1. This Law shall apply to all economic entities producing, storing, transporting, using and marketing feedingstuffs as well as to the institutions which carry out official state feedingstuffs quality control.

2. The Law shall not apply to economic entities carrying feedingstuffs in transit through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania or temporarily storing feedingstuffs in Lithuania in customs warehouses, export-import terminals for goods, unless the feedingstuffs constitute a danger to human or animal health or the environment. Transit across the territory of the Republic of Lithuania of feedingstuffs which constitute a danger shall be prohibited.

Article 3. Definitions

As used in this Law:

1. **“Feedingstuffs”** means feed materials of vegetable, animal, mineral origin and artificially (biologically, microbiologically, chemically) derived feed materials, used singly or in mixtures, natural or processed, whether or not containing feed additives, for animal feeding and not endangering animal and human health.

2. **“Feed materials”** means products of vegetable, animal, mineral origin and artificially (biologically, microbiologically, chemically) derived products, which are intended for use in animal feeding either directly as such or in preparation of compound feedingstuffs or as carriers of premixtures

3. **“Compound feedingstuffs”** means mixtures of feed materials, whether or not containing feed additives, used for oral animal feeding in the form of complete or complementary feedingstuffs;

4. **“Complete feedingstuffs”** means mixtures of feed materials which, by reason of their composition, are sufficient for a daily ration of animals;

5. **“Complementary feedingstuffs”** means mixtures of feedingstuffs which have a high content of certain substances and which, by reason of their compositions, are sufficient for a daily ration of animals only if they are used in combination with other feedingstuffs;

6. **“Mineral complements”** means complementary feedingstuffs composed mainly of minerals and containing at least 40% of crude ash;

7. **“Protein vitamin (protein vitamin mineral) complements”** means mixtures of feedingstuffs composed of protein (mineral) feedingstuffs containing proteins, vitamins, micro-elements and other feed additives .

8. **“Molassed feedingstuffs”** means feedingstuffs composed from molasses, containing not less than 14% total sugar expressed as saccharosis;

9. **“Feedingstuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes”** (including dietetic feedingstuffs) means compound feedingstuffs intended for particular nutritional needs, which by virtue of their particular composition or method of manufacture can be clearly distinguished both from ordinary feedingstuffs, products and medicated feedingstuffs.

10. **“Milk replacer feeds”** means compound feedingstuffs for feeding young animals, nutrition properties of which resemble those of natural milk. Milk replacer feeds may be complete or complementary feedingstuffs.

11. **“Daily ration”** means the average total quantity of feedingstuffs, calculated on a moisture content of 12%, required daily by an animal of

given species, variety, age category and yield, to satisfy all its needs;

12. “**Feed additives**” means substances or preparations which improve digestability of feedingstuffs, productivity of animals intended for farm purposes and satisfy all nutritional needs of animals at the particular growing stages as well as reduce the harmful effect of animal metabolism products (excretion) to the environment.

13. “**Premixtures**” means mixtures of one or more industrially produced feed additives with substances used as carriers, intended for the complementing of feedingstuffs;

14. “**Substance used as carriers**” means feed materials of vegetable and mineral origin used in order to achieve a more even distribution of feed additives in premixtures;

15. “**Animals intended to the farm purposes**” means animals belonging to a species normally kept and bred for food, furs, medications and other production, for guarding the house, for working and for other purposes;

16. “**Economic entities**” means natural, legal persons and enterprises without the right of legal person, who manufacture, store, transport, use feedingstuffs as well as market them in the Republic of Lithuania ;

17. “**Marketable feedingstuffs**” means feedingstuffs, feed additives or their mixtures intended for sale.

18. “**Placing the feedingstuffs in the market**” means putting the feedingstuffs into circulation, , also import, selling and other mean of transfer.

19. “**Safe feedingstuffs**” means any feedingstuffs the use whereof under regular conditions specified by the producer or under the conditions reasonably foreseeable in advance, including long-term use, presents no hazard to the life and health of animals kept for farming purposes or the hazard to their life and health which is presented by the said feedingstuffs corresponds to that defined in the legal acts as permissible and which comply with the adequate animal protection requirements, when the following has been assessed:

1) composition of feedingstuffs, packaging, the manner of

production and use as well as the supervision of use thereof;

2) effect upon other feedingstuffs when these will be used together with other feedingstuffs;

3) presentation of the feedingstuff to the consumer, instruction for use and other information submitted by the producer;

4) effect upon young animals to which the feedingstuffs may be harmful.

20. “**Unsafe feedingstuffs**” means any feedingstuffs which do not comply with the requirements indicated for safe feedingstuffs by legal acts.

21. “**Official state quality control of feedingstuffs**” means a system of inspection covering production, storage, transportation, use and marketing of feedingstuffs and the official state quality control of feedingstuffs.

22. “**Conformity certificate**” means a document issued in accordance with certification rules, testifying that the feedingstuff identified in the prescribed manner conforms to a certain norm.

23. “**Veterinary certificate**” means an official document issued by the State Food and Veterinary Service attesting to the spread of animal infectious diseases (or absence thereof) in the feedingstuffs exporting country or in a certain territory of the country.

24. “**Phytosanitary certificate**” means an official document issued by the State Plant Protection Service certifying that the phytosanitary conditions of plants, plant products satisfies the requirements set by the importing country.

25. “**Harmful (undesirable) substances, products, vegetable admixtures**” means residues of any natural pollutants which are inevitably present in feedingstuffs (heavy metals, pesticides, mycotoxins and other substances), anti-nutritional products, toxic vegetable admixtures, a certain concentration whereof endangers animal health.

CHAPTER TWO

PROCEDURE OF the MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, USE AND MARKETING OF FEEDINGSTUFFS

Article 4. Conditions of Manufacture of Feedingstuffs

1. Economic entities who manufacture and supply o the market must obtain authorisation according to the terms and conditions approved by the Ministry of Agriculture. Only those economical entities who possess authorisation shall be allowed to manufacture and supply into the market:

1) proteins obtained from the following groups of micro-organisms - bacteria, yeast, algae, fungi of lower ranks, also secondary products obtained from the fermentation of antibiotics, amino acids and salts of amino acids, analogues of amino acids and secondary products of amino acids as well as non-protein nitrogen raw materials - urea and ammonium salts;

2) feed additives - all additives belonging to the group of feedingstuffs antibiotics, all additives belonging to coccidiostats and other medical substances, all additives belonging to growth promoters, all additives belonging to vitamins, provitamins and additives belonging to the clearly defined chemical substances having a similar effect; all additives belonging to microelements, all additives belonging to enzymes, all additives belonging to micro-organisms, all additives belonging to carotenoids and xantophylls, additives with substances having antioxidant effect and premixtures;

3) compound feedingstuffs containing premixtures produced from feed additives listed in paragraph 2 above;

4) compound feedingstuffs containing protein feed materials and non-protein nitrogenous raw materials listed in paragraph 1 above;

5) compound feedingstuffs produced from feed materials containing harmful (undesirable) substances, products and vegetable admixtures.

2. Economic entities who are manufacturing for their own needs compound feedingstuffs containing feed additives listed in paragraph 1(2) of this Article and compound feedingstuffs from feed materials containing harmful (undesirable) substances, products and vegetable admixtures shall comply with the regulations for the production, use and marketing of feed additives as well as with the mandatory feedingstuffs safety requirements approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

3. The feedingstuffs must be manufactured in the premises equipped

according to veterinary and hygiene requirements and comply with the quality requirements indicated for them by legal acts, standards and methods.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture shall establish, in conjunction with the State Food and Veterinary Service:

- 1) mandatory feedingstuffs safety and labelling requirements;
- 2) mandatory feedingstuffs quality declaration requirements;
- 3) veterinary and hygiene conditions requirements for premises;
- 4) the list of substances, feed materials and feed additives the use whereof is prohibited;
- 5) the highest permissible levels of harmful (undesirable) substances, products and feed additives in the manufactured feedingstuffs;
- 6) the procedure of manufacture and use and marketing of feed additives of .

Article 5. Feedingstuffs Storage Conditions

1. Feedingstuffs must be stored in packages or in bulk in warehouses and containers meeting the veterinary and hygiene requirements, in compliance with the regulations on feedingstuffs storage.

2. The regulations of feedingstuffs storage shall be subject to the approval by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 6. Requirements of Use ,Transportation, Marketing of Feedingstuffs

1. The feedingstuffs must correspond to the data submitted in the suppliers' conformity declaration or labelling requisites, mandatory feedingstuffs safety and labelling requirements .

2. Containers and vehicles used for feedingstuffs transportation must be equipped in such a manner as to ensure the of quality during the transportation of feedingstuffs.

3. Feedingstuffs must be used for the purpose indicated in the requisites of product labelling (or in the suppliers' conformity declarations) and before the expiry of the storage life period from the date of manufacture.

Article 7. Accountability

The procedure of statistical accounting on the manufacture, marketing and stocks of feedingstuffs as well as the regularity of data presentation shall be established by the Department of Statistics under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania upon co-ordination with the Ministry of Agriculture.

CHAPTER THREE

EXPORT AND IMPORT OF FEEDINGSTUFFS

Article 8. Requirements of Feedingstuffs Export and Import

1. Feedingstuffs shall be exported and imported in compliance with the provisions of this Law, the Customs Code, the Law on Veterinary, other laws and legal acts, and international agreements. The imported and exported feedingstuffs must be accompanied by conformity, veterinary and phytosanitary certificates.

2. The State Food and Veterinary Service shall have the right to prohibit to import the feedingstuffs into the Republic of Lithuania if they do not comply with the mandatory requirements applied with respect to feedingstuffs.

3. The procedure for registering the feed additives and premixes contained in the imported feedingstuffs and the procedure of conformity assessment thereof shall be laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture.

CHAPTER FOUR

REGULATIONS OF OFFICIAL STATE QUALITY CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF FEEDINGSTUFFS

Article 9. Official State quality Control of Feedingstuffs

State Control of manufacture, storage, transportation, use and marketing of feedingstuffs, also official state control of their quality and veterinary and hygiene conditions of the premises shall be carried out by the institution authorised by the Government according to the procedure laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Article 10. Functions and Rights of the Institutions and Officers
Carrying out Official State quality Control of Feedingstuffs**

1. The institutions which carry out official state quality control of feedingstuffs may:

1) control compliance with the requirements of manufacture, storage, transportation, use and marketing of feedingstuffs, also requirements of feedingstuffs quality and requirements for veterinary and hygiene conditions of premises;

2) suspend or prohibit the manufacture and marketing of unsafe feedingstuffs where prohibited substances and feed materials are used in the manufacture thereof or where the amount of harmful (undesirable) substances, products, vegetable admixtures or feed additives contained in the feedingstuffs exceeds the permissible level.

2. The officers who carry out official state quality control of feedingstuffs shall have the right to:

1) unrestrictedly enter the premises of the economic entities manufacturing, storing, using or trading in feedingstuffs;

2) obtain all documents required for the official state quality control of feedingstuffs from the economic entities manufacturing, storing, using or trading in feedingstuffs;

3) as necessary, enlist the assistance of police force;

4) take samples of feedingstuffs, cleaning substances, disinfectants and other substances used in the manufacture of feedingstuffs which could affect the quality of feedingstuffs, and samples for laboratory tests.

3. Feedingstuffs, which the institution authorised by the Government has declared to constitute danger to human or animal health or the environment shall be decontaminated or destroyed according to the procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Article 11. Liability of Officers who Carry out Official State
Quality Control of Feedingstuffs**

1. Officers who carry out official state quality control of feedingstuffs must keep the technological and commercial secrets of

production of feedingstuffs confidential.

2. The actions of the officers who carry out official state quality control of feedingstuffs and the decisions of the institutions carrying out the control as well as of their officers may be appealed against according to the procedure established by law.

Article 12. Liability of Economic Entities Manufacturing, Storing, Transporting and Trading in Feedingstuffs

Economic entities who violate the requirements of this Law and inflict harm on another economic entity shall be held liable and compensate the damages according to the procedure prescribed by law.

**CHAPTER FIVE
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Article 13. Implementation of the Law

Responsibility for the implementation of this Law shall rest with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 14. Proposals to the Government

The Government or the institution authorised by it shall establish the priority and time limits of drawing up legal acts necessary for the implementation of this Law.

I promulgate this Law passed by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

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