



FACT SHEET

SAFE USE OF FATS AND OILS IN STOCK FEED

Background Information

The Australian Renderers Association (ARA) and the Stock Feed Manufacturers Council of Australia (SFMCA) have asked APL to bring to your attention this information about the safe use of recycled fats and oils in animal feeds. We have also included some additional information about choosing safe feed for your pigs.

What are the risks?

- Pig Producers should be aware of the risks associated with used fats and oils when buying prepared feeds and mixing their own feeds. A number of instances have occurred overseas where contaminated used cooking oil and glycerine have been incorporated into animal feed with severe food safety and market consequences.
- For example, the in feed Dioxin contamination incident that occurred in Germany last year was thought to have resulted from contaminated vegetable oil used in stockfeed. At the height of the incident German authorities were forced to block meat and egg sales from 4670 farms and several countries banned some German meat imports.

Safe use of fats and oils in pig feed

- In general always avoid using oils and fats that are not intended for use in stock feed and avoid using any feed/feed ingredient if you cannot be sure it is free from contamination.
- Remember that anything fed to pigs must comply with State regulations which prohibit “Swill” feeding. Swill includes meat, meat products (that is material from placental mammals), or anything that has been in contact with meat or meat products. This generally does not include tallow, gelatine, dairy products, or commercially rendered meat, bone or fish meal.
- ARA and SFMCA recommends that used cooking oils should only be sourced from establishments that comply with the National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds.

- This standard is consistent with international standards, and will ensure that the principles of HACCP and other recognised standards have been adhered to. Ask your supplier if they are accredited next time you purchase feed.
- Be sure to request a vendor declaration from your feed supplier and/or your feed ingredient supplier when you purchase feed so you have documentation to show that your pigs have not been fed anything contaminated with substances that may be of concern to markets for pigs.
- When purchasing feed, it is best to look for feeds that have been prepared under a quality assurance program such as FeedSafe®. For a list of FeedSafe® accredited feed suppliers see the SFMCA website: www.sfmca.com.au, or ask your feed supplier if they are accredited. You will need this information to answer question 5 on the PigPass NVD form.

Further information and contacts

For more information on the National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds contact:

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