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## **FEFAC MAKES AVAILABLE BIOSECURITY RECOMMENDATION IN CONTEXT OF ASF**

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While the livestock farming community is put under stress by the prospect of outbreaks of viral diseases, in particular African Swine Fever and Avian Influenza, minimising the risk of incidental dissemination of pathogens is everybody's business: farmers, agro-supply industry, grain collectors and farm visitors (advisors, service providers, etc).

The potential devastating impact of particularly African Swine Fever shows that operators connected to livestock farms cannot afford any shortcomings when it comes to biosecurity and in most European countries effective biosecurity measures are already implemented by feed manufacturers, based on guidance developed by the sector. FEFAC built on these national guidances and knowledge gained by its members from past outbreaks to issue [Recommendations for the development of a biosecurity plan at feed manufacturer level](#). The purpose of this document is to secure maximum dissemination of best practices, bearing in mind that the starting point for an effective biosecurity plan is commitment from operators and adaptation to the local context.

The EU Feed hygiene legislation (Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003) sets a solid baseline to manage the risk of dissemination of any pathogen via feed: guides to good practice have been developed at EU and national level to help operators implementing prerequisite programmes and HACCP-based procedures for the control of hazards in feed. Additional provisions are required to address the risk of dissemination of pathogens via other vectors than feed (i.e. vehicle, personnel).

The focus of this document is on biosecurity measures for the operations of sourcing of feed ingredients, transport, storage, manufacturing and delivery of final feed to farms. It also covers visits to farms of feed company personnel.

These recommendations are primarily meant for operators based in countries where there is no detailed professional/legal guidance yet for the drafting and implementation of biosecurity plans at feed mill levels. They must be considered in the light of national guidance and/or legal requirements where relevant.

**Notes to the editor:**

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 23 national Associations in 23 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia and Norway with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 persons on app. 3,500 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-28 consume an estimated 830 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 20% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at € 50 billion.
3. For more information see our web site ([www.fefac.eu](http://www.fefac.eu)) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: [fefac@fefac.eu](mailto:fefac@fefac.eu).