

COM-2025-1030 – Food and Feed Safety Simplification

Additional Information from the Food Standards Agency

28 May 2026

Scope of engagement with the feed sector

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) worked with DAERA and the Department for the Economy to issue a Call for Comment on the proposed EU Food and Feed Safety Simplification Package. This exercise invited comments, observations or concerns from affected sectors, including stakeholders from across the feed supply chain. The Call for Comment closed on 19 May 2026 and no responses were received.

The FSA highlighted the EU proposals and associated EU consultation in our Northern Ireland Industry Stakeholder Bulletin, which reaches over 5000 subscribers.

The FSA in Northern Ireland maintains regular engagement with industry stakeholders through a range of established channels, including routine communications, and collaborative engagement with partner departments. These mechanisms are designed to ensure that stakeholders have clear and accessible routes to raise any issues, concerns or requests for clarification in relation to emerging policy developments.

No issues or concerns have been raised by feed industry stakeholders. The FSA will keep the Committee updated if any issues are raised in our ongoing engagement with industry stakeholders.

Regarding the distinction between feed manufacturers and feed additive manufacturers, feed manufacturers are typically operators who produce compound feed for animals, often combining a variety of raw materials and additives. In contrast, feed additive manufacturers specialise in the production of specific substances (such as vitamins, preservatives, or enzymes) intended to be incorporated into feed to achieve particular nutritional or functional effects. There are currently no feed additive manufacturers based in Northern Ireland.

Trade flows and supply chain impacts

Based on the information available, the FSA does not foresee any impacts on trade flows or supply chains including flows from Great Britain into Northern Ireland from the proposals on feed additives. The proposal consists of technical and procedural changes and does not introduce new regulatory obligations or change core policy requirements for food and feed safety. The optional measure on digital labelling would apply only to certain non-safety related information, which is already required.

Wider divergence with Great Britain

The proposed changes to feed additives are administrative in nature and on that basis, there are no practical impacts foreseen from divergence with Great Britain for feed manufacturers, farmers or wider supply chains at this stage.