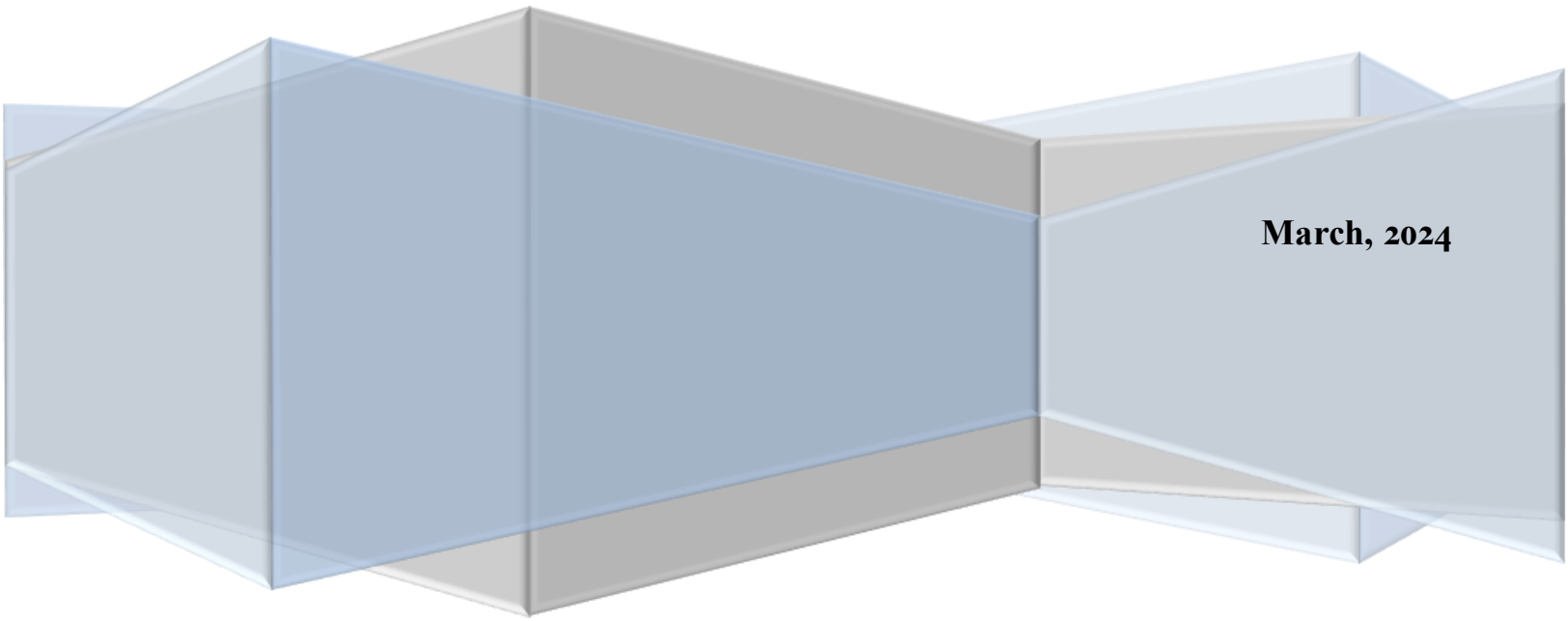
ETHIOPIAN AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITY

Directive for the Registration of Feed Products
No. 995/2024



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To uphold the quality and safety standards of animal feed supplied to the animal-producing community, it is imperative to institute a robust control system centered around feed registration and licensing.

This encompasses processed fodder originating from our domestic production or imported, as well as feed ingredients and raw materials, mandating knowledge of their source before utilization in animal feed.

It is essential to grant market licenses contingent upon ensuring the quality and safety of these feed products. This Directive is hereby issued in accordance with Article 28 Sub-article 2 of Veterinary Drug and Feed Adminstration and Control Authority Proclamation No. 728/2011.

Part one
General

1. Short Title

This Directive may be referred to as "Feed Product Registration Directive No.995/2024".

2. Definitions

In this Directive, the definitions provided hereunder shall apply unless the context requires otherwise:

1. **"Processed feed"** refers to animal food produced by blending two or more feed ingredients, which includes feed supplements.
2. **"Feed Supplement"** means any nutrient preparation in solid, powder, or liquid form to meet the nutritional needs of a standard diet. Feed supplements do not include medicated feeds and products intended for veterinary use.
3. **"Feed input"** means feed raw material and feed additive.
4. **"Feed Raw material"** means any product or by-product of plants or animals or material produced by scientific methods used in the preparation of formulated feed
5. **"Feed product"** means formulated feed, raw material, feed additive, and supplementary feed.
6. **"Genetically modified" (GM) feed ingredient** is a plant or animal product that has undergone genetic modification using genetic engineering techniques, where foreign genes have been introduced, or the gene content, layout, and characteristics are altered.
7. **"Feed ingredient of ruminant origin"** means a feed ingredient made of by-products of ruminant slaughter that includes meat, bone, blood, brain tissue, intestine, and other by-products.
8. **"Feed certifying entity"** refers to either the Feed Regulatory body of the Authority or a duly authorized competent body with relevant jurisdiction and Authority.
9. "Feed Raw Material Standards" means a product quality and safety certification document approved by the Standards Approval Council of the country.
10. **"Phyto Sanitary/Sanitary Certificate"** means an internationally accepted document issued by an authorized body that certifies that a feed product is healthy and does not cause harm to the animal that consumes it and those consuming animal products from animals fed on the product being certified.
11. **"Certificate of Analysis"** is a certificate issued by either the Company's laboratory or an approved third-party laboratory that provides information regarding the quality and safety of the product.
12. **"Registration"** means registering a feed product by ensuring that the requirements set according to the type and characteristics of the product are met before being officially approved to enter the market.
13. **"Registrant"** refers to the entity, i.e., producer, agent, or importer of a feed product, applying for registration.
14. **"Product quality and safety assurance system"** means the good production practices and

quality control system or feed safety implementation system recognized by the Authority, which is implemented by the feed production company submitted for registration.

15. **"Third-party laboratory test results"** are the outcomes of laboratory tests conducted by accredited laboratories to assess whether the product submitted for registration complies with the established quality and safety standards.
16. **"Certificate of Registration"** is a certificate issued to the registrant when the product submitted for registration satisfies the criteria outlined in this Directive or meets the applicable international standards.
17. **"Major variation"** means a change in manufacturing location, type of product packaging, product formula, manufacturing process, product shelf life, product quality standard, or other similar changes that may significantly change the quality and safety of the feed product.
18. **"Minor variation"** means a change in the product representative, product logo, product trade name, manufacturer's name, product net weight, or similar that does not affect the quality or safety of the feed product.
19. "**Feed product quality**" means a feed that fulfills animals need for maintenance and performance.
20. **"Authority"** means the Ethiopian Agricultural Authority
21. Definitions given to the terms referred to in Article 2 of Proclamation No. 728/2004 shall also apply to this Directive.

3. Scope of Application

This Directive shall apply to all products, whether produced and used locally across regions or exported, manufactured outside and imported into the country, and marketed.

Part Two
Feed Product Registration

4. Registration

1. Any feed product:
   a) Must be registered by the Authority before it can be used for commercial purposes;
   b) Any product submitted for registration by the Authority shall meet the quality and safety standards issued and approved at the national or international level.
2. Anyone seeking to register a feed product must have a certificate of competence issued by the Authority or regional regulatory body to engage in a feed business.
3. Genetically modified or feed materials containing growth-stimulating hormones, drugs, or medicinal products cannot be registered for domestic production or importation.
4. Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this article, feed products can be imported into the country without the need for registration only by ensuring quality and safety under the following circumstances:
   a) Feed products intended for scientific research purposes;
   b) Formulated pet food for use by diplomatic missions;
   c) Feed products used for relief during drought, floods, earthquakes, and similar emergencies.
   d) Formulated Pet feed of up to 10 kg exclusively for pets accompanying individual travelers

5. Application for Registration and the Registration Process

1. To register imported products, any person must complete the application form attached to this Directive (Annex 1) and submit the documents specified in articles eight to fourteen of this Directive;
2. Any applicant seeking to register locally produced feed products must apply by filling out the application form attached in Annex 2 of this Directive and attaching the documents mentioned in articles eight to fourteen of this Directive;
3. Registration applications will be processed chronologically in the order of their submission;
4. Any person who applies for registration of a feed product and is asked to submit missing documents or explanations in writing from the Authority up to three times and does not provide the documentation sought, and an appropriate written response, a new application must be submitted;
5. The Authority shall register the feed product name, and Label submitted for registration by verifying documents and evidence based on national or international standards.
6. A registration certificate shall be issued when the submitted documents are found compliant and complete and the product sample meets the required standards upon laboratory testing.

6. Registration of Variation

1. Any registrant must submit a registration of variation request by notifying the Authority when there is a major or minor change related to the feed product after obtaining a registration certificate;
2. When there is a major variation in the feed product, the registrant must submit the documents

mentioned in paragraphs 10, 11, and 12 of this Directive, along with a sample of the feed product;
3. When there is a minor variation in feed production, the registrant must notify the Authority in writing and submit a request to register the variation.

7. Re-registration

1. Any registered locally produced or imported product must be re-registered every four years unless there is a major or minor change in the content and packaging of the product.
2. The countdown for re-registration of a product that has undergone major variation begins from the date of registration of the variation;
3. Registrants are required to complete and submit the re-registration application form provided in Annex 1 and 2 of this Directive;
4. Subject to subsection 3 of this article, the registrant is required to submit the documents mentioned in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, article 9, article 10 and article 11 of this Directive shall be submitted with the application form;
5. The registrant shall confirm in writing that no changes have been made to the product's manufacturing process, packaging, and Label and that it is the same as that presented at the time of initial registration;
6. A product sample shall be submitted in addition to the required documents for re-registration purposes.

Part Three
Documents to be submitted for feed product registration

8. Legal Documents

Any registrant must submit the following legal documents at the time of registration:

1. To register products manufactured in a foreign country and imported into the country, an individual must submit a legal agency agreement with the manufacturing company;
2. If the feed product is produced under a contract with a third-party manufacturer, the registrant must submit a legal agreement between the order giver and the manufacturer, in addition to a legal agreement between the order giver and the importer or representative within the country must be submitted;
3. In the agreement mentioned in sub-article 2 of this article, It should in the agreement contract be explicitly stated that it is the mutual responsibility of the manufacturer and the importer to collect and return the product to its country of origin in case of any animal health issues caused by the product or if the quality and safety of the product is found defective, and the Authority, consequently, orders the recovery of the product from the market;
4. A document that shows the manufacturing company's product quality complaint handling and procedures for collecting defective products from the market and returning defective products to the country of origin;
5. A manufacturing license issued by the appropriate licensing body in the country of origin;
6. Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice or compitency certificate issued to the manufacturing company by an authorized body;

7. Evidence that the product is free from genetically modified or genetically altered living ingredients;
8. If animal products and by-products are utilized as raw materials in the production of the product, proof of freedom from mad cow disease (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) and other infectious diseases must be provided;
9. A certificate confirming that the product is being marketed in the exporting country;
10. A certificate of food safety or quality management system implemented by the manufacturer issued by a recognized certifying organization (as necessary).
11. A general description or profile of the manufacturer;
12. Label and sample of the feed product
13. A local manufacturing company does not need to submit documents other than those mentioned in this article's sub-articles 4 about collecting defective products from the market , 6,7,10, 11and 12.

9. General Description of the Feed Product

The applicant must provide a document that contains comprehensive information about the product, including the following:

1. General physical and chemical properties,
2. Composition,
3. intended use and purpose,
4. Usage instructions,
5. Recommended precautions and Directives for handling, transportation, and storage conditions.

10. A document describing the production process of the feed product

To register the feed product, the following documents showing the production process must be submitted:

1. List of raw materials used as inputs to manufacture the product, and their quality and safety documentation and documents specifying their sources;
2. Documentation showing the product's composition or formula;
3. Manufacturing flow chart showing the production process;
4. A comprehensive description of each step in the manufacturing process;
5. Documents showing the in-process quality and safety control activities at each stage of the production process;
6. A manufacturing batch record of at least one batch.

11. Feed product quality control statement document

To register the feed product, the following documents showing the product quality and safety control system in place shall be submitted by the applicant:

1. The quality and safety specification of the feed product,
2. Method of analysis and certificates of analysis of at least three different batches;

3. Document confirming the validity of the test method,
4. When a stability study document has to be attached, A stability study report to determine the product's shelf-life that takes the Ethiopian climate into account shall be submitted;

12. Feed product packaging

1. The natural content of the packaging material and the raw materials from which it is made shall be described in detail;
2. Documentation verifying that the packaging material meets the required standards for packaging the feed product shall be provided;
3. The packaging shall be non-contaminating, capable of withstanding various weather conditions, and effectively safeguarding the product against contamination;
4. Information on quality control criteria for the packaging material and the quality testing method used shall be provided.

13. Feed product Label

1. Any feed product shall have a clearly written and legible, irremovable Label written in either Amharic or English;
2. The Label in sub-article one of this article shall be written directly on the feed product's packaging or a securely attached non-perishable material sewn together with the packaging.
3. Any registrant shall submit a sample of the feed product label at the time of registration;
4. Any pasted, tied on, erased, or illegible Label is unacceptable;
5. The Label should not include words and images that may mislead users;
6. If the product is domestically produced and subject to a mandatory national standard, it must display the national mandatory standard mark;
7. The feed product label should at least include the following information:
   a) Name and complete Address of the manufacturer;
   b) The trade name of the product;
   c) Brand name;
   d) Date and year of manufacture;
   e) Batch number;
   f) Shelf life of the product,
   g) Nutritional composition of the product;
   h) List of raw materials included in the product, listed in order of quantity from largest to smallest;
   i) Net weight,
   j) Clear description for which type of animal, age group, production type, and grade the product is intended for;
   k) Information on transportation and storage conditions and an explicit indication of any cautionary notices or warnings for the product's use shall be provided.

14. Feed Product Safety Document

1. Documentation showing that the product is free from physical, biological, and chemical hazards that may cause health problems to the animal, human, and the environment upon using the product must be presented at the time of registration;
2. The Document in sub-article 1 of this article may be a product safety study report conducted by the manufacturer or a bibliography published in a recognized scientific journal by a third party.

Part Four
Administrative measures and miscellaneous provisions

15. Cancellation of feed product registration

The Authority may cancel the registration of any registered feed product found guilty of any of the following offenses:

1) If any feed product is not re-registered every four years,
2) When there is a quality and safety defect in the registered feed product.

16. Service Charges

The service fee for registration, registration of variation, and re-registration of a feed product shall be per the service fee rate established by the Council of Ministers.

17. Inapplicable Legislations

Any directive or traditional practice inconsistent with the provisions of this Directive shall not apply to the matters covered by this Directive.

18. Effective Date

This Directive shall come into effect as of the date the directive is registered by the Ministy of Justice and uploaded on its website.

Amabassador Diriba Kuma
Director General, Ethiopian Agricultural Authority

Annexes

Annex 1: Application form for registration of imported products

No.	Title	To be filled by the applicant
1.	**Applicant**	
1.1.	Name	
1.2	Full Address	Region…….Zone/sub-city/woreda/Kebele HouseNo……. Phone number, email, etc. If there is a particular name of the area explain……..…….……..……
2.	**Application type**	New ☐ re-registratio ☐ Change of registrati ☐
3.	**(importer/agent)**	
	3.1. Company Name	
	3.2. Full Address	Region …….Zone/sub-city/woreda/Kebele House No. ……. Phone number, email, etc. If there is a particular name of the area explain ……..……..……
	3.3. Name of company representative	
4.	**Producer of the product**	
	4.1. Name	
	4.2. Full Address	Country--------- City---------- Street number------ Phone No.----------Fax P.O.Box…….……email……..… Website…….…….
	4.3. Name of Producer or representative	
5.	**Product information**	
	5.1. Product name (generic, trade name)	
	5.2. Physical features of the product (solid, liquid, color, other visual criteria, etc.)	
	5.3. Net weight of the product	
	5.4. Type of product packaging	
	5.5. Users of the product	
	5.6. The product's use-by date and storage condition	
	5.7. Ingredient list and quantity	
	5.8. List of raw materials used	
	5.9. The documents required for product registration and the application must be	

No.	Title	To be filled by the applicant
	submitted in English.	
6	**Status of Product Registration and Licensing**	
	6.1. Countries Where the Product is Registered and Licensed	
	6.2. Countries Where the Product is Prohibited from Market Entry and Subject to Recall Due to Quality and Safety Issues	
7	**Applicant verification**	
	I affirm that all the information and documents furnished are accurate and dependable through my signature below. I acknowledge that I shall assume full responsibility in the event of any inaccuracies. Company Representative/Owner Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position in the Organization: _____ Date: _____ Official Seal of the organization: _____	
8	**For Internal Use Only** **To Be Completed by the Authority's Representative**	
	Application Submission Date and Time	
	Name and Signature of the Receiving Professional	

Annex 2: Registration request form for domestically produced products

No.	Title	To be filled by the applicant
1.	**Applicant**	
	1.3.Name	
	1.4.Full Address	Region…….Zone/sub-city/woreda/Kebele HouseNo……. Phone number, email, etc. If there is a particular name of the area explain…….…….…….…….….
2.	**Request type**	New ☐ re-registration ☐ Change of registratio ☐
3.	**Manufacturing Company**	
	3.1. Company Name	
	3.2. Full Address	Region ……. Zone/sub-city/woreda/Kebele House No. ……. Phone number, email, etc. If there is a particular name of the area explain…….…….…….…….….
	3.3. Name of company representative	
4.	**Product details**	
	5.1. Product name (generic, trade name)	
	5.2. Physical features of the product (solid, liquid, color, other visual criteria, etc.)	
	5.3. Net weight of the product	
	5.4. Type of product packaging	
	5.5. Users of the product	
	5.6. The product's use-by date and storage condition	
	5.7. Ingredient list and quantity	
	5.8. List of raw materials used	
6	**Applicant verification**	
	I affirm that all the information and documents furnished are accurate and dependable through my signature below. I acknowledge that I shall assume full responsibility in the event of any inaccuracies. Company Representative/Owner Name: _____ Signature: _____ Position in the Organization: _____ Date: _____ Official Seal of the organization: _____	

7	**For Internal Use Only** **To Be Completed by the Authority's Representative**		
	Application Submission Date and Time		
	Name and Signature of the Receiving Professional		

Annex 3. List of compound feeds that have Ethiopian feed standards.

1. Compound feeds for pigs (pig starter, grower, finisher, breeding snow, lactating snow, pregnant snow)
2. Compound chicken feed (layer)
3. Compound chicken feed (broiler)
4. Compound chicken feed (breeder)
5. Compound feed for lactating dairy cows
6. Compound feed for pregnant dairy cows
7. Compound feed for dairy heifers
8. Compound feed for fattening cattle
9. Compound feed for fattening sheep and goats
10. Compound feed for Ewes (pregnant, lactating, and breeding ewes)
11. Compound feed for breeding rams
12. Compound feed for Does (pregnant, lactating, and breeding ewes)
13. Compound feed for breeding Bucks
14. Compound feed for Tilapia
15. Mineral mixtures for supplementing compounded poultry feed
16. Mineral mixtures used to supplement small ruminants (sheep and Goats)
17. Mineral mixtures used to supplement cattle feed
18. Compound poultry and pig feed supplements (Meat meal and meat and bone meal)
19. Compound young cattle feed supplements (calf starter and calf growth)

Annex 4. List of Feed Ingredients that have Ethiopian feed standards.

1. Bone meal ES1034 -2019
2. Sunflower cake es1043-2019
3. Sesame cake es 1044-2019
4. Cottonseed cake es 1037-2019
5. Niger seed cake es1040-2019
6. Rape seed cake es 1041-2019
7. Safflower cake es 1042-2019
8. Linseed cake es 1039-2019
9. Brewery by-product es 1047-2019
10. Groundnut cake es 1038-2019
11. Fish meal es 1036-2019

12. Blood meal es 1035-2019
13. Soybean cake es 1045-2019
14. Wheat milling by-products es 1049-2019
15. Maize and maize by-products es 1048-2019

Annex 5. Categories of Feed Additives

1. Technological additives:

1.1 Preservatives
1.2 Antioxidants
1.3 Emulsifiers
1.4 Stabilizers
1.5 Thickeners
1.6 Gelling agents
1.7 Binders
1.8 Substances for the control of radionuclide contamination
1.9 Anti-caking agents
1.10 Acidity regulators
1.11 Silage additives
1.12 Denaturants

2. Sensory additives

2.1 colorants
2.2 flavoring compounds

3. Nutritional additives

3.1 Vitamins, pro-vitamins, and chemically well-defined substances that have a similar effect
3.2 Compounds of trace elements
3.3 Amino acids, their salts, and analogs
3.4 Urea and its derivatives

4. Zootechnical additives

4.1 Digestibility enhancers
4.2 Gulf flora stabilizers