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Assessment of the approach for managing mycotoxins in feed as provided by Recommendation 2006/576/EC

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REGULATING CONTAMINANTS IN FEED: ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

- Contaminant: effect on public health, animal health, environment → determining the nature of the measure
- Sensitivity /tolerance towards a contaminant (animal health): species specific
- Carry over of contaminants of feed into food of animal origin: species specific
- Feed materials: non species specific
- Compound feed: species specific

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REGULATING CONTAMINANTS IN FEED: ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

- Bio-availability of contaminant in a certain feed material or additive
- Achievability of certain levels under normal good practice production conditions
- Feed materials: can be by-products of food production, other production processes such as bio-energy…
- Proportion of use of a certain product for feed in comparison with the total production
- Feasibility to decontaminate at a reasonable cost
- ….

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MYCOTOXINS IN CEREALS
USE OF CEREALS

Use of cereals, excluding rice, in period 2006-2008 - approximate figures for EU-27 (losses (market) not taken up in the table)

Cereal	% for human consumption	% for animal feed	% for seeds	% for industrial use
total cereals	23-24	**63-64**	4.1 - 4.3	8.9 – 9.1
common wheat	39-42	**45-49**	4.4 – 4.9	7.0 – 7.3
durum wheat	86-87	**4.1**	8.3 – 8.5	1.0
Rye	41-42	**30 - 38**	9 - 16	11 – 20
barley	0.7	**75 - 76**	5.3 – 5.6	18-19
Oats	16 - 17	**73 -75**	6-7	2.4 – 2.5
maize	5.9-6.2	**83 - 84**	0.6	8.5 – 9.0
other cereals	1.0 -1.3	**93 - 95**	4 - 5	0.4 – 0.6

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MYCOTOXINS IN CEREALS
USE OF CEREALS

- Large part of the production of cereals is used for animal feed
- Cereals for food production: by products →intended for animal feed
- Cereals for bio-energy: by products → intended for animal feed
- Alternative uses for "non-compliant" cereals limited → serious economic impact

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Recommendation Prevention *Fusarium*-toxins

- Recommendation 2006/583/EC of 17 August 2006 on the prevention and reduction of *Fusarium* – toxins in cereals and cereal products
  - Risk factors to be considered for inclusion in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)
  - Contamination by Fusarium-toxins of cereals can be imputed to multiple factors
  - integrated approach addressing in a reasoned way all possible risk factors taking into account the local situation

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MYCOTOXINS IN CEREALS FEASIBILITY

- Presence of Fusarium-toxins
  - Large year to year variation
  - Management measures a relative (limited) impact on presence
- Presence of ochratoxin A and aflatoxins
  - Management measures (storage conditions) major impact on presence

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REGULATING MYCOTOXINS IN FEED: considerations

- EFSA opinions on deoxynivalenol (2 June 2004), zearalenone (28 July 2004), fumonisins (22 June 2005), ochratoxin A (22 September 2004)
- Scientific risk assessment concludes that the presence of deoxynivalenol, zearalenone fumonisins and ochratoxin A in animal feed can **endanger animal health and livestock performance** but is of **limited** (ochratoxin A) or **no** (deoxynivalenol, zearalenone and fumonisins) **significance for public health**

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Mycotoxins – Feed Recommendation 2006/576/EC

- Animal health effects critical effects – impact public health minor as carry-over from feed to food is limited
- **Two-step approach: Recommendation on increased monitoring combined with guidance/orientation values as first step – evaluation on achievement of objectives in 2 years time (2009) to consider possible further legal measures in the frame of Directive 2002/32/EC**

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Mycotoxins – Feed Recommendation 2006/576/EC

- Cereals and cereal products include also cereal forages and roughages
- Guidance values to be applied to judge acceptability of compound feed and cereal and cereal products for animal feeding
- Guidance values to be used by feed business operators as guidance for the determination of critical limits in their HACCP system – attention for cereals and cereal products for the production of feed for sensitive animal species - guidance values for cereals and cereal products have been determined for the most tolerant animal species – "upper guidance values"

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Mycotoxins in feed assessment of the approach

- An assessment of the approach provided for by this Recommendation should be undertaken by [2009] in particular to assess its contribution towards protecting animal health. The monitoring data obtained as a result of this Recommendation will also enable a better understanding of the year–to-year variance and the presence of these mycotoxins in the wide range of by-products used for animal feed, which is of primary importance for taking, if necessary, further legislative measures.