

**Guidance for Farmers on Record Keeping Requirements of Annex I of the EC Feed Regulations (183/2005)**  
**Consultation Summary**

Name	Comment
<p>Gwyn Howells            Chief Executive            Hybu Cig Cymru/Meat Promotion Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy to minimise the impact of regs without compromising consumer safety is welcomed</li> <li>• Concurs that accurate record-keeping on-farm is essential in terms of traceability and ensures any problems can be quickly identified and dealt with</li> <li>• Supportive, in principle, of the proposed guidance note – it is likely to assist famers in adhering to legislative requirements in the least burdensome way</li> <li>• Understand that FSA is represented on stakeholder group advising Welsh Assembly Government on its review of red tape – FSA is encouraged to continue working with other Government agencies and LA trading Standards to reduce burden on farming industry</li> </ul>
<p>Stella Owen            NFU Cymru</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes a 1 page guidance document, if structured correctly, could be of benefit to a farmer run feed business</li> </ul> <p><u>Content and form of the guidance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft 1 page document is far more readable for a farmer audience</li> <li>• Important that any such document can be displayed and read at a glance when needed</li> <li>• Would be useful to display a telephone number on the guidance</li> <li>• Advantages to farmers for record keeping should be further stressed in the draft introduction and the order of the document should be modified</li> <li>• Types of activities that need to be recorded should be ordered more relevantly to help highlight where the majority of records will focus.</li> <li>• Amalgamating the two sections of the guidance means that each of the record keeping areas can include the records which may be useful to keep.</li> <li>• Suggest that record requirements and form of record are put together and colour</li> </ul>

	<p>coded or bullet pointed differently in each area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An A4 (or smaller) document printed on waterproof card would be most use to farmers. Such a document would also lend itself to distribution through the post or as an inclusion in farmers magazines</li><li>• A REVISED DRAFT GUIDANCE SHEET HAS BEEN DRAFTED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS ABOVE</li></ul> <p><u>Publication and Distribution of the Guidance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to know more about FSA proposals for distribution through farming organisations as there are substantial costs involved that would need to be addressed</li><li>• Several main routes for distribution e.g enclosure along with an accompanying article in WAG GWLAD magazine which is sent to all farm businesses</li><li>• Routes available through trade press and industry organisation magazines that may be able to distribute and hold advertorial features</li><li>• Would encourage the use of the web to host the information for download</li><li>• Would direct members to advice on the internet</li></ul> <p><u>Time required to complete records using the guidance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannot make an accurate assumption – inclined to agree with FSA data that record keeping time would fall as farmers become more aware of the requirements</li><li>• Concerned about the high level of bureaucracy and red tape already placed on the industry – wish to reiterate that any record keeping requirements should be kept as simple as possible</li></ul>