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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries. Marketing Board for Animal Feeding Stuffs.
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): -
5. Title: Animal Feed Regulation gmp Recognition Arrangement Animal Feed Sector 1992
6. Description of content: Animal feeding stuffs. This Regulation lays down "good manufacturing/managing practice" codes for operators who trade-in, store, transport or process products and raw materials for mixtures and animal feeds. These codes will provide customers and the supervising authorities with guarantees as to the basic quality of animal feeds. This basic quality is partly laid down by existing legislation. Operators who wish to indicate that they follow gmp codes can apply for recognition under the Regulation. Recognition confers the exclusive right to use that indication.
7. Objective and rationale: The objective of this Regulation is to promote the introduction of quality systems in companies operating in the animal feed sector. It is based on the principle that economic operators are themselves responsible for guaranteeing the quality of the products produced or supplied by them and for the necessary controls. This Regulation is linked to the integrated chain of control programmes in the pig and poultry sector.
8. Relevant documents: Industrial Organization Act: Act establishing the Marketing Board for Animal Feed 1934 of 30 September 1954, Stb. 451 last amended Stb. 1985, 720; Animal Feed Regulation 1986.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: As soon as possible
10. Final date for comments: 12 November 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: