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FEDIOL RECOMMENDATION ON MOISTURE CONTENT FOR RAPE/COLZA SEED MEAL AND SUNFLOWER SEED MEAL

Explanatory memorandum

Whereas experience has shown that a lower moisture content of rape/colza seed meal and sunflower seed meal reduces the risk of salmonella contamination;

Whereas a reduced risk of salmonella contamination considerably contributes to increased feed and food safety;

Whereas lower moisture content also results in a relative increase of the protein level, thus enhancing the overall feed quality of these oilseed meals;

Whereas the international trade standard is 12.5% moisture;

Recommendation

FEDIOL recommends its members to endeavor to reduce the moisture content to below 12.5% in rape/colza seed meal and sunflower seed meal, while applying a moisture compensation scheme in their contracts.