

## **Manufacture of Homemade Dog Treats** **An Overview**

The manufacture of animal feed, including pet foods, is highly regulated, with many pieces of legislation applicable to the activity. This is to ensure that all feed given to animals is produced hygienically, is safe for the animal, and is fully traceable.

This information sheet is intended to give a brief overview of the requirements for pet food manufacture, in particular for homemade dog food/treats. There are links contained within this document to more detailed advice.

### **Registration/Approval**

All feed businesses (including pet food manufacturers) must not operate without being registered or approved (as appropriate) with their local authority.

The term 'pet food manufacturer' includes all sizes of operations from large factory scale productions to homemade dog treats made in a domestic kitchen.

The difference between registration and approval is down to the type of activity carried out. Registration with your local authority is free, however, a fee may be payable for approval. Pet food manufacturing requires registration.

If you need to register with us or are unsure if you do or not, please contact us to discuss and obtain a registration form.

### **Products of Animal Origin**

In addition to registration/approval with your local authority, if the pet food is manufactured using products of animal origin (eg meat, fish, eggs, milk, butter, honey etc) then approval from the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) is also required. This applies even if the products of animal origin are fit for human consumption (for example, purchased in a supermarket) and the treats are made in a domestic kitchen.

For more information please see the guidance on the [AHVLA Website](#)

### **Hygiene Requirements**

Annex II of EC Regulation 1831/2003 applies to all pet food manufacturing operations. Annex II contains various requirements relating to facilities and equipment, personnel, production, quality control, storage and transport, record keeping and complaints and recall.

For more information regarding the Annex II requirements, please see separate information sheet.

The European Pet Food Industry Federation have produced a [Guide to the Good Practice for the Manufacture of Safe Pet Foods](#). This contains some useful information and guidance to help you follow the law and produce safe pet food.

## **Labelling**

EC Regulation 767/2009 details the labelling requirements for animal feed. This regulation contains general mandatory labelling requirements and specific mandatory labelling requirements.

For detailed information about the labelling requirements please see our information sheet 'A Guide to Pet Food Labelling'

The European Pet Food Industry Federation have also produced a [Code of Good Labelling Practice for Pet Food](#). This contains some useful information and guidance to help you comply with the labelling requirements.

## **Penalties**

Failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence and by not complying with the requirements leaves you liable to enforcement action, including prosecution.

## **Further Information**

If you would like any clarification on the points raised in this information sheet or further information relating to this topic please don't hesitate to contact us.

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