

# Regulation concerning additional requirements for imported hay and straw for animal feed

**Legal basis:** Adopted by The Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food 22 October 2018 on the basis of Law 19 December 2003 No 124 relating to Food Production and Food Safety (Food Act) §§ 12, 15, 17 and 19, cf. Delegation Decision 19 December 2003 No 1790.

## § 1 Objective

The objective of this regulation is to prevent the spread of contagious animal disease with the import of hay and straw for feed from countries that are not part of the European Economic Area.

## § 2 Scope

This regulation applies to the import of hay and straw for feed from countries that are not part of the European Economic Area.

## § 3 Additional requirements

Hay and straw for feed that is imported to Norway must:

- a) be accompanied by a declaration from the producer that the product has been stored for two months in the country of origin and that it was harvested from farms where manure has not been used as fertilizer for the past two years, and
- b) be accompanied by attestation from an official veterinarian in the country of origin certifying that the product was harvested from farms where there are no restrictions because of contagious animal disease.

Hay and straw from USA and Canada must also be accompanied by attestation from an official veterinarian certifying that the product was harvested in a state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected.

## § 4 Control and decisions

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority may carry out controls and make necessary (individual) decisions, cf. Food Act § 23, to ensure compliance with provisions given in this regulation or in accordance with it. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority may also make decisions in accordance with Food Act § 24 to § 26.

## § 5 Penalties

The breach of provisions in this regulation, or a decision taken pursuant to this regulation, is a criminal offence pursuant to Food Act § 28.

## § 6 Dispensation

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority may grant a dispensation from provisions in this regulation in exceptional circumstances.

## § 7 Entry into force

This regulation enters into force immediately

## § 8 Amendments to other regulations

On the date of entry into force of this regulation Regulation 31 August 1991 No 507 om the prohibition of import of animals and articles which may transmit disease is amended as follows:

In § 3 Definition of product the first indent shall read:

- Raw material of animal origin for the production of *pharmaceutical* products or technical products.

In § 3 Definition of product the seventh indent shall read:

- Grass, hay, straw etc. *that will not be used for animal feed.*

Indent 11 in § 3 Definition of product is deleted.

In § 8 point 3 and 4 the word «*animal feed*» is deleted.