

QUALITY ASSURANCE MODULES  
AUSTRALIAN RUMINANT FEED BAN  
A PROJECT OF MEAT AND LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA



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As Chairman of SAFEMEAT I encourage you to establish and maintain practices that meet your obligations under the Ruminant Feed Ban within Australia.

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The following organisations have endorsed these Modules as an appropriate method to assist in ensuring compliance with the ban on feeding animal derived products to ruminant livestock within Australia.

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**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia (AFFA)**

**Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA)**

**Australian Meat Processing Corporation (AMPC)**

**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)**

**Australian Renderers' Association (ARA)**

**Cattle Council of Australia (CCA)**

**Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA)**

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**Stock Feed Manufacturers' Association of Australia (SFMAA)**

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## DEFINITIONS

**Feed (feedstuff):** any single or multiple material whether processed, semi-processed or raw, which is intended to be fed directly to food producing animals.

**Feed Ingredient:** A component part or constituent of any combination or mixture making up a feed, whether or not it has a nutritional value in the animal's diet, including feed additives. Ingredients are of plant, animal or aquatic origin, or other organic or inorganic substances.

**Feedlot:** A feedlot is a confined yard area with watering and feeding facilities where livestock are completely hand or mechanically fed for the purposes of production. This definition does not include the feeding or penning of livestock in this way for weaning, dipping or similar husbandry purposes or for drought or other emergency feeding, or slaughtering place or recognised saleyards.

**Home Mixer:** A Home Mixer for the purpose of this document is defined as any person/s that mixes feed for animals under their own care, but does not include feed mixed for resale.

**Renderer:** A Renderer for the purposes of this document includes all individuals or bodies corporate that recycle animal waste into meat and bone meal, blood meal and tallow.

**Ruminant Livestock Producer:** A Ruminant Livestock Producer is defined as any individual or body corporate that keeps or raises ruminant livestock.

**Stock Feed Manufacturer:** A Stock Feed Manufacturer for the purposes of this document is any individual or body corporate that trades or blends, mixes and packs commodities or products and sells that commodity or product as feed for ruminant or non-ruminant livestock whether it contains RAM or not.

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following acronyms and abbreviations have been used in this and other associated documents to the animal products feeding ban.

AFFA	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
ARMCANZ	Agricultural and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand <sup>1</sup>
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
HACCP	Hazard analysis critical control point
MBM	Meat and Bone Meal
NVD	National Vendor Declaration
NFAS	National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme
PIMC	Primary Industries Ministerial Council
PISC	Primary Industries Standing Committee
OIE	Office International des Epizooties
QA	Quality Assurance
RAM	Restricted Animal Material
TSE	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy
UK	United Kingdom
vCJD	variant Creutzfeldt - Jacob Disease
Vet Com	Veterinary Committee
WHO	World Health Organisation

<sup>1</sup> Now the Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC).

## FOREWORD

Australia continues to be free of the transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) affecting animals, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), scrapie of sheep and goats, and chronic wasting disease (CWD) of deer. Australia has implemented a number of measures to prevent the introduction of the TSEs of animals and the dissemination and amplification of these diseases were they to occur in Australia. The principal rationales for instituting these measures are protecting public and animal health, and the interests of trade.

A voluntary ban on the feeding of ruminant material to ruminants was adopted in Australia in 1996 to minimise the risk of recycling the BSE agent if it were introduced. This was a preliminary step towards laws to prohibit the feeding of ruminant material to ruminants. These laws were enacted in all Australia's jurisdictions in 1997. In 1999, the prohibition was extended to the feeding of specified mammalian materials to ruminants. In March 2001, agricultural ministers agreed to introduce uniform legislation in all States and Territories to extend this prohibition to include a ban on the feeding of meals containing 'only porcine, equine, or macropod materials; blood and blood products; inspected meat products (that have been cooked and offered for human food and further heat processed into animal food); poultry (offal and feather) meals; and fish meals'. Following on from this decision all States and Territories have adopted in their respective legislation the term 'restricted animal material' (RAM) to describe animal meals that cannot be fed to ruminants being any meal derived from animal origin including fish and birds.

By law in Australia, any stock feed or ingredient, which contains restricted animal material, must be labelled as follows:

***“This product contains restricted animal material - Do not feed to cattle, sheep, goats, deer or other ruminants”***

Australia's enforceable and inclusive bans on the feeding of RAM to ruminant animals are supported by the following mechanisms:

- Quarantine measures to prevent entry into the country of the BSE agent. Since 1966, the importation of MBM into Australia has been prohibited from all countries other than New Zealand, which is also free of TSEs.
- A comprehensive, risk-based compliance inspection/audit program undertaken by State and Territory authorities that targets all sectors in the livestock feed chain — from renderers, to stock food manufacturers, stock food resellers and end-users. The ongoing program is modified in light of non-conformities identified and corrective actions that have been implemented.
- A range of quality management and assurance measures implemented by the ruminant livestock and stock food manufacturing industries in Australia, which complement the official regulatory and compliance inspection/ audit program.

- Education and training programs to create awareness and develop the necessary competencies and capacity regarding the legislative rules on animal feed and TSEs. Training and education of relevant groups such as farmers, renderers, stock food manufacturers and resellers and statutory bodies is ongoing.

These programs contribute to Australia's effective ruminant feed ban, as part of its control measures to prevent the entry and establishment of the BSE agent in this country. The modular approach, implemented through this initiative, is consistent with Australia's proactive approach to on-farm QA and compliments programs such as the National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme (NFAS), CATTLECARE, FLOCKCARE and the Australian Renderers' Association Accreditation Program. These modules are an adjunct to the national compliance/inspection audit guidelines<sup>2</sup> and form part of the overall system in seeking compliance to the ruminant feed ban.

Enterprises that are not currently participating in another quality assurance program that deals adequately with the ruminant feed ban requirements, should implement processes to ensure the requirements of these modules are met.

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<sup>2</sup> The *National uniform guidelines for ensuring compliance through inspection/sampling and testing programs-Veterinary Committee Working Group Report 1<sup>st</sup> Edition-October 2002* was adopted at Veterinary Committee meeting number 13 of 22-24 October 2002.



## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this document is to assist you to complete the appropriate module/s that will allow you to demonstrate that your enterprise is effectively addressing the ruminant feed ban.

To address these requirements you need to:

- Identify your enterprises classification according to the sector of the industry and the potential risk of feeding RAM to ruminants;
- Make a declaration that the classification is correct;
- Implement appropriate quality assurance processes as outlined in the appropriate module/s, and
- Maintain appropriate records to demonstrate that the system is in place.

## WHAT YOU MUST DO!

Enterprises that currently maintain a QA program need only check that the systems in place address the requirements of the animal products feeding ban. Other enterprises may need to implement procedures similar to those that are within these Modules to meet the requirements of the ruminant feed ban. In all cases the four (4) steps set out below should be followed.

### 1. Identify your enterprises classification according to the sector of the industry and the production practices as outlined in category a, b or c below.

**Enterprise Classification Matrix**

	<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>Category (a)</b>	<b>Category (b)</b>	<b>Category (c)</b>
1	<b>Rendering</b>		Distributed in bulk only.	Distributed in bulk and/or bags.
2	<b>Stock Feed Manufacturer and Home Mixer</b>	No RAM in meals.		RAM used; distributed in bulk and/or bags.
3	<b>Ruminant Producers</b>	Pasture/hay use only. No feed commodities used.	Ruminants only; uses feed commodities.	Mixed species; uses feed commodities.
4	<b>Feedlots</b>		Ruminants only; uses feed commodities.	Mixed species; uses feed commodities.

### 2. Make a declaration that the assigned classification is correct;

<b>Enterprise Details:</b>		
Enterprise Classification/s:		
Enterprise Name:		
Enterprise Address:	To include postal, location, postal postcode and postal state.	
<b>Declaration:</b>		
<i>As the person responsible for the defined enterprise I declare that I have reviewed the above matrix and determined that this enterprise is defined by the above Sector/Category classification and complies with all relevant State or Territory legislation pertaining to the ruminant feed ban.</i>		
Property Identification Code (eg Tailtag):		
Name:	Signature:	Date:

Insert more than one classification if required.

### 3. Implement appropriate quality assurance processes to ensure that the requirements of the ruminant feed ban are met; and

*Note: Examples are provided if you do not already address the animal derived products feeding ban within your current QA Program.*

**4. Maintain appropriate records to demonstrate that the system is in place.**

In the case that you require assistance with the implementation of this module, please contact SAFEMEAT on 02 6272 4316 to seek further assistance.

*Note: Records may include Delivery Dockets, Invoices, Weighbridge dockets, Commodity Vendor Declarations, and other common transaction documents.*

## CLASSIFICATION OF YOUR ENTERPRISE

To assist your understanding of your obligations under the ruminant feeding ban, you must make a declaration in relation to the **production practices as outlined in categories a, b or c below**. By assessing your enterprises production practices in respect to the ruminant feed ban, appropriate systems can be implemented to address the determined category identified.

### Enterprise Classification Matrix

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<b>2</b>	<b>Stock Feed Manufacturer and Home Mixer</b>	No RAM in meals.		RAM used; distributed in bulk and/or bags.
<b>3</b>	<b>Ruminant Producers</b>	Pasture/hay use only. No feed commodities used.	Ruminants only; uses feed commodities.	Mixed species; uses feed commodities.
<b>4</b>	<b>Feedlots</b>		Ruminants only; uses feed commodities.	Mixed species; uses feed commodities.
<b>Enterprise Details:</b>				
Enterprise Classification/s:				
Enterprise Name:				
Enterprise Address:		To include postal, location, postal postcode and postal state.		
<b>Declaration:</b>				
<i>As the person responsible for the defined enterprise I declare that I have reviewed the above matrix and determined that this enterprise is defined by the above Sector/Category classification and comply with all relevant State or Territory legislation pertaining to the ruminant feed ban.</i>				
Property Identification Code (eg Tailtag):				
Name:		Signature:		Date:

## **MODULE 1- RENDERERS**

### **Definition**

**A Renderer for the purposes of this module includes all individuals or bodies corporate that recycle animal waste into meat and bone meal, blood meal and tallow.**

## Ruminant Feed Ban – Renderers Checklist

Under circumstances of the ruminant feed ban, all products derived from a rendering plant except tallow must be excluded from ruminant feed. Existing legislation requires that this product be appropriately labelled. Additional management and handling procedures are therefore unnecessary.

This module does not apply to feed formulation and feed manufacture, irrespective of whether it is carried out on-site together with the rendering operation. The Stock Feed Manufacturers and Home Mixers module will cover feed formulation and feed manufacture.

Rendering operations, by their nature, produce feed commodities derived from animal products.

All Rendering Plant Operators must complete the following checklist:

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	Does the enterprise require all feed commodities to be accompanied by a supplier statement or declaration stating that the product is of animal origin, in accordance with State regulatory requirements?		
<b>2</b>	Does the enterprise maintain records that verify the status of the feed commodities produced, namely that they contain animal derived products?		
<b>3</b>	Does the enterprise ensure that all products are securely stored and that they are not at risk of being fed to ruminant livestock?		

***If you answered NO to question 1, 2 or 3 you are NOT complying with the requirements of the ruminant feed ban.***

***The following controls should be implemented immediately:***

- 1. Develop and maintain documented procedures to verify that all feed commodities produced at the plant are clearly labeled or identified as containing RAM.*
- 2. Ensure that RAM is securely stored and that procedures are in place that will guarantee that RAM cannot inadvertently be fed to ruminant livestock.*

## ***Compliance Audit for Renderers.***

### ***Compliance Point***

RAM is not fed to ruminants.

### ***Audit question***

Does the Rendering Plant Operator ensure that feed commodities produced by the plant are correctly labeled.

### ***Audit question guide***

Sight documentary evidence.

This information is most likely to be recorded on product delivery documentation (eg label, or delivery docket, or commodity vendor declaration (CVD)) that accompanies feed commodities dispatched from a rendering plant. Where feed is consigned to a stock feed manufacturer, ensure that the delivery documentation explicitly states the status of the feed in terms of its containing RAM.

**Note that the current exemptions are limited to milk and milk products, tallow and gelatin.**

<b>Rendering establishment</b>	YOUR RENDERING PLANT	<b>Page No:</b>	
<b>Map Reference:</b>	1B/1C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Storage of Rendered Product</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Rendering Plant		
<b>When:</b>	When storing rendered products		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>			<b>Ref.</b>
1. Document the type of raw materials processed on the rendering plant.			1
2. Maintain records of all rendering raw materials (Service renderers) or kill records (Abattoir renderers), relating to raw material received into the plant and processed into animal feed products.			2
3. Maintain records of all rendered products produced.			3
4. Determine type and quantity of all feed commodities required to be held on-site to provide a manageable inventory.			4
5. Document the status of all products produced by the rendering operation. Document whether or not any particular commodity is exempt from the ruminant feed ban.			
6. Ensure that all animal derived feed commodities are stored in suitable bins, silos, and tanks as appropriate and that there is adequate security to ensure that the material cannot be inadvertently used for ruminant feed.			
7. Ensure that when the plant is cleaned down, all residue is collected and returned to the rendering raw material facilities, or otherwise disposed of in a way that will preclude any risk of it being inadvertently used as ruminant feed.			
<b>References:</b>			
1. Service renderers: Raw material receipt records Abattoir renderers: Records including: live weight, dressing percentage, boning room yield.			
2. Security Procedures			
3. Plant cleaning procedures			
4. Australian Standard for Hygienic Rendering of Animal Products			



<b>Feedlot:</b>	YOUR RENDERING PLANT	<b>Page No:</b>	17
<b>Map Reference:</b>	1B/1C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Dispatch of Feed Commodities</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Product storage bins		
<b>When:</b>	When dispatching feed commodities		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Ref.</b>	
1. Feed commodities may be dispatched either in bags or in bulk.			
2. Feed commodity bags must be clearly labelled to specify that the feed is derived from animal material.		4	
3. Bulk feed commodity containers must be accompanied by a declaration that clearly states that the feed is derived from animal material.		1,2,3,4	
4. Maintain records of all feed commodities produced and dispatched from the plant, in bags or in bulk.		4	
5. Maintain records (eg in date order) of raw material received and rendered products produced, to enable mass-balance checks to be carried out as necessary.		4	
Point 5 above needs to be considered further in relation to the intent of the mass balance as to whether it is intended to address product that is labelled or whether it is about raw material.			
<b>References:</b>			
1. Manufacturer's Instructions			
2. Commodity Storage/Treatment Records			
3. WH&S Requirements			
4. Australian Standard for Rendering (Get the proper name from Ed)			

## **MODULE 2 - STOCK FEED MANUFACTURER; AND, HOME MIXER**

### **Definition**

**A Stock Feed Manufacturer for the purposes of this document is any individual or body corporate that trades or blends, mixes and packs commodities or products and sells that commodity or product as feed for ruminant or non-ruminant livestock whether it contains RAM or not.**

**A home mixer for the purpose of these modules is defined as any person/s who mixes feed for animals under their own care, but does not include feed mixed for resale.**

## Ruminant Feed Ban – Stockfeed Manufacturer and Home Mixers Checklist

Complete this Checklist if you have identified that you are an “A” or “C” category as a (2) Stockfeed Manufacturer or a Home Mixer.

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	Does the enterprise require all feed commodities to be accompanied by a supplier statement or declaration providing product history?		
<b>2</b>	Are feed products purchased by the enterprise that may contain RAM? Note: In the case of Home Mixers, feed products produced on the property must also be recorded.		
<b>3</b>	Does the enterprise maintain records that verify which feed commodities, if any, contain RAM?		
<b>4</b>	Does the enterprise ensure that products that may contain RAM are stored separately and securely from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminant livestock?		
<b>5</b>	Does the enterprise maintain and implement cleaning, flushing and sequencing procedures that prevent cross contamination of feed that may contain RAM with feed that does not contain RAM?		
<b>6</b>	Does the enterprise maintain records that verify processes detailed in 5 above and 7 below?		
<b>7</b>	Does the enterprise label all product in accordance with State or Territory labelling requirements?		

***If you answered NO to question 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 you are NOT complying with requirements.***

***Implement the following controls immediately:***

1. *Obtain and maintain documentation that will verify which feed commodities contain RAM.*
2. *Ensure that RAM is stored separately and securely and develop procedures that will guarantee that these products cannot be fed to ruminant livestock.*
3. *Develop and implement cleaning, flushing and sequencing procedures that prevent cross contamination of feed that may contain RAM with feed that may be fed to ruminant livestock.*
4. *Maintain records that verify processes detailed in action point 3 above. This includes demonstrating that appropriate State and Territory legislative requirements had been implemented.*
5. *Label all products in accordance with ruminant feed ban legislation.*

## ***Compliance Audit for Category 2 Enterprises***

### ***Compliance Point***

RAM are not fed to ruminant livestock.

### ***Audit question***

Does the Category 2 enterprise ensure that feed produced for ruminant livestock does not contain RAM?

Does the Category 2 enterprise ensure that feed produced for ruminant livestock is labeled in accordance with ruminant feed ban legislation?

### ***Audit question guide***

Sight Documentary evidence including:

1. CVD or other statements from suppliers;
2. Product packaging and/or labels; and
3. Product delivery documentation.

Ensure that product labeling and delivery documentation explicitly states that the feed does not contain RAM.

<b>Category 2</b>	YOUR MILL	<b>Page No:</b>	
<b>Map Reference:</b>	2A, 2B/2C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Storage of RAM</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Stock Feed Manufacturers Plant or Home Mixing operation		
<b>When:</b>	When storing RAM		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Ref.</b>	
1. Document the type of raw materials processed on the plant.		1	
2. Maintain records of all raw materials including RAM received into the plant and processed into animal feed products.		1	
3. Maintain records of all products produced.			
4. Determine the type and quantity of all feed commodities required to be held on-site to provide a manageable inventory.			
5. Document the status of all products produced by the operation.			
6. Document whether or not any particular commodity is exempt from the ruminant feed ban.			
7. Ensure that all RAM commodities are stored in suitable bins, silos, tanks as appropriate and that there is adequate security to ensure that RAM cannot be inadvertently used for ruminant feed.		2	
8. Ensure that when the plant is cleaned down, that all potentially contaminated products are collected and returned to the RAM storage facilities, or otherwise disposed of in a way that will preclude any risk of it being inadvertently used as ruminant feed.		3	
		4	(Applies to all actions)
<b>References:</b>			
1. Daily Diary Records			
2. Security Procedures			
3. Plant Cleaning Procedures			
4. Stock Feed Manufacturers Association Code of Practice			

<b>Category 2</b>	YOUR MILL	<b>Page No:</b>	23
<b>Map Reference:</b>	2A, 2B/2C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Dispatch of Feed Products/Commodities</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Product storage bins		
<b>When:</b>	When dispatching feed commodities		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Ref.</b>	
1. Feed commodities may be dispatched either in bags or in bulk.			
2. Feed commodity bags must be clearly labelled in accordance with relevant ruminant feed ban legislation.			
3. Bulk feed commodity containers must be accompanied by a declaration that clearly states that the feed contains RAM.		1,2,3	
4. Maintain records (eg in date order) of raw material received.		4	
5. Maintain records of all products produced and dispatched.			
6. Conduct mass balances as necessary.			
<b>References:</b>			
1. Manufacturer's Instructions			
2. Commodity Storage/Treatment Records			
3. WH&S Requirements			
4. Stock Feed Manufacturers Association Code of Practice			

## **MODULE 3 – RUMINANT LIVESTOCK PRODUCER**

### **Definition**

**A Ruminant Livestock Producer is defined as any individual or body corporate that keeps or raises ruminant livestock.**

**This definition does not differentiate between specie/s of ruminants.**

**Note that a Ruminant Livestock Producer that mixes feed or feed supplements on farm must also be regarded as a Home Mixer and complete Module 2 in addition to this Module.**



## Ruminant Feed Ban – Producer Checklist

Complete this Checklist if you have identified that you are an “A”, “B” or “C” category producer. If you mix feed or feed supplements on farm, you should also complete Module 2.

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	Does the enterprise require all feed commodities/products be accompanied by a supplier statement or declaration providing product history?		
<b>2</b>	Are feed products purchased by the enterprise that may contain RAM?		
<b>3</b>	Does the enterprise maintain records that verify that the feed commodities do not contain RAM?		
<b>4</b>	Does the enterprise ensure that products that may contain RAM are stored separately and securely from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminant livestock?		

***If you answered NO to question 3 or 4 you are NOT complying with requirements.***

### ***Implement the following controls immediately:***

1. Obtain and maintain documentation that will verify which feed commodities, if any, contain RAM.
2. Ensure that RAM is stored separately and securely and develop procedures that will guarantee that these products cannot be fed to ruminant livestock.

## ***Compliance Audit for producers that keep and raise ruminant livestock***

### ***Compliance Point***

RAM is not fed to ruminants.

### ***Audit question***

Does the property ensure that feed fed to ruminant livestock does not contain RAM?

### ***Audit question guide***

Sight Documentary evidence.

This information is most likely to be found on the CVD or on statements from suppliers. Where feed is provided from a stock feed manufacturer, ensure that the delivery documentation explicitly states that the feed does not contain RAM.

<b>Category 3</b>	YOUR PROPERTY NAME	<b>Page No:</b>	27
<b>Map Reference:</b>	3C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Purchase of Feed</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Property Name		
<b>When:</b>	When purchasing all feed commodities		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>			<b>Ref.</b>
1. Specify that product is not to contain RAM.			
2. Record all details of delivered product (eg Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD)).			1
3. Reject product if supplier cannot verify that the supplier cannot verify that the product is free of RAM.			2
			2
<b>1. References:</b>			
1. Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD) or similar			
2. Feed Purchase Records			

<b>Category 3</b>	YOUR PROPERTY NAME	<b>Page No:</b>	28
<b>Map Reference:</b>	3C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Storage of RAM</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Property Name		
<b>When:</b>	When storing all feed		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Ref.</b>	
1. Ensure that all RAM commodities are stored in suitable bins, silos, tanks as appropriate and that there is adequate security to ensure that RAM cannot be inadvertently used for ruminant feed.		1	
<b>2. References:</b>			
1. Feed Purchase Records			

## MODULE 4 - FEEDLOT

### **Definition**

**A feedlot is a confined yard area with watering and feeding facilities where livestock are completely hand or mechanically fed for the purposes of production.**

**This definition does not include the feeding or penning of livestock in this way for weaning, dipping or similar husbandry purposes or for drought or other emergency feeding, or slaughtering place or recognised saleyards.**

***(Modified from: SCARM Report 47, National Guidelines for Beef Cattle Feedlots in Australia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)***

**Note that a Feedlot that mixes its own feed or feed supplements on farm and also keeps and raises ruminant livestock must also complete Modules 2 and 3.**

## Animal Derived Products Feeding Ban – Feedlot Checklist

All feedlots must complete the following checklist:

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	Does the enterprise require all feed commodities to be accompanied by a supplier statement or declaration providing product history?		
<b>2</b>	Are feed products purchased by the enterprise that may contain animal derived products?		
<b>3</b>	Does the enterprise maintain records that verify that the feed commodities do not contain RAM?		
<b>4</b>	Does the enterprise ensure that products that may contain RAM are stored separately and securely from feed commodities that will be fed to ruminants?		

***If you answered NO to question 3 or 4 you are NOT complying with requirements.***

***Implement the following procedures immediately:***

- 1. Obtain and maintain documentation that will verify that feed commodities do not contain RAM.*
- 2. Ensure that RAM is stored separately and securely and develop auditable procedures that will guarantee that these products cannot be fed to ruminant livestock.*
- 3. Maintain records to verify that RAM is not fed to ruminants.*

## ***Compliance Audit for Feedlots.***

### ***Compliance Point***

RAM is not fed to ruminants.

### ***Audit question***

Does the feedlot ensure that feed fed to ruminant livestock does not contain RAM?

### ***Audit question guide***

Sight documentary evidence.

This information is most likely to be found on the Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD) or on statements from suppliers. Where feed is provided from a stock feed manufacturer, ensure that the delivery documentation explicitly states that the feed does not contain RAM.

<b>Category 4</b>	YOUR FEEDLOT	<b>Page No:</b>	32
<b>Map Reference:</b>	3C	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Purchase of Feed</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Feedlot		
<b>When:</b>	When purchasing all feed commodities		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>			<b>Ref.</b>
1. Specify that product is not to contain RAM.			1
2. Record all details of delivered product (eg Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD)).			2
3. Reject product if supplier cannot verify that the product is free of RAM.			3
<b>References:</b>			
1. Commodity Vendor Declaration (CVD) or Similar			
2. Supplier Declaration – Company Letter			
3. Feed Purchase Records			



<b>Feedlot:</b>	YOUR FEEDLOT	<b>Page No:</b>	
<b>Map Reference:</b>	3E	<b>Date:</b>	xx/xx/xx
<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Storage of Feed</b>	<b>Author(s):</b>	ABC

*SAMPLE PROCEDURE ONLY*

<b>Who:</b>	Owner/Manager/Staff		
<b>Where:</b>	Silos and Storage Sheds		
<b>When:</b>	When storing all feed commodities		
<b>ACTIONS:</b>		<b>Ref.</b>	
1. Ensure that all RAM commodities are stored in suitable bins, silos, tanks as appropriate and that there is adequate security to ensure that RAM cannot be inadvertently used for ruminant feed.		1	
<b>References:</b>			
1. Purchase Documentation			