

Examiner's report

Qualifications Framework

Stage 2: Feed Oral

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General Feedback

Seven candidates sat the exam and marks ranged from 32 to 74% with an average of 61%

A situation was described to the candidates, along with a series of PowerPoint slides, including a mock feed label. A scenario then developed examining knowledge of registration requirements, labelling, feed quality, prohibited materials as well as, powers and sampling. The scenarios are intended to reflect the situations that an officer may come across when undertaking inspections and engaging with feed business operators.

As has been mentioned in the previous feed examiner report (May 2023), candidates need to apply their knowledge to the situation presented. Reeling off legal requirements without drawing conclusions on compliance or action to take will not enable marks to be awarded on these aspects of the exam. Candidates should also give their reasons for coming to their conclusions.

Some candidates were focused on referencing article numbers which was perhaps detrimental to their thinking as these did not come easily to mind. Aside from commonly used references e.g. to Annexes I, II and III of Retained EU Regulation 183/2005, the examiner does not expect candidates to recall articles in this oral exam. It is suggested you imagine you are speaking to a feed business operator where that level of detail can hamper communication.

Most of the candidates appeared confident and once under way were able to respond with clear and well-reasoned answers. Nerves are inevitable but as with many things in life practice can build confidence. Creating opportunities with colleagues or fellow candidates to practice oral questioning and answering may help in exam preparation.