



Industry Regulation fact sheet

Animal feed manufacturing

This fact sheet provides guidance on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) administration of licences and works approvals for premises that manufacture animal feed.

Any premises where an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the [Environmental Protection Regulations 1987](#) (EP Regulations) is carried out at, or above, the specified production or design capacity are prescribed premises and regulated by DWER under Part V of the [Environmental Protection Act 1986](#) (EP Act).

Prescribed premises require a works approval for construction and either a licence or registration to operate.

Animal feed manufacturing is described in Category 23 of the EP Regulations:

Category 23: Animal feed manufacturing

Description of category	Production or design capacity
Category 23	
Animal feed manufacturing: premises (other than premises within category 15 or 16) on which animal food is manufactured or processed.	1,000 tonnes or more per year

Application

Interpretation

Animal feed manufacturing includes premises on which food is produced for consumption by animals. The term 'animal feed' is non-discriminatory in terms of the type of product and its intended purpose. It includes animal food products whether dry, moist, or semi-moist.

The manufacturing of animal food can be intended for farmed animals (for example cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry and fish); horses; domestic pets; or for the supplementary feeding of animals in the wild.

Category 23 does not apply to premises which:

- package and/or label animal food manufactured or processed on another premises;
- manufacture or process animal feed only for use on that premises (such as a farm); and/or



- produce raw materials used in the manufacture or processing of animal food, such as cereal crop production.
- Category 23 does not apply to animal feed made at premises regulated under Category 15: Abattoirs, or Category 16: Rendering facilities.

Production/design capacity

The production or design capacity of animal feed manufacturing premises is the total weight of all animal feed products that can be produced by the equipment in a year, excluding packaging.

Environmental risk

Animal feed manufacturing involves a risk of causing pollution or environmental harm unless prescribed premises are appropriately regulated and managed. The EP Act sets out a range of offences that specifically relate to occupiers of prescribed premises, in addition to general offences relating to pollution and environmental harm. For further information on offences refer, to DWER's *Industry Regulation Guide to Licensing* and the EP Act.

Emissions and discharges from manufacturing animal feed can include:

- noise (from production machinery such as elevators, mills, conveyors, fans, vehicles and so on);
- particulate emissions to air from stacks and vents;
- solid and liquid wastes;
- potentially contaminated stormwater;
- dust (for example from loading and unloading of vehicles, and from raw material stockpiles); and
- odour.

Assessment

DWER applies a risk-based approach to its regulatory functions under the EP Act. DWER publications, [Guidance statement: Decision-making](#) and [Guidance statement: Risk assessments](#), detail the approach taken by the Department in assessing applications for works approvals and licences under Part V of the EP Act.

In assessing applications for works approvals and licences, DWER will evaluate emissions and discharges from the primary manufacturing activity, including any directly related activities that give rise to emissions and discharges.

Where a prescribed premises has been assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority as a 'significant proposal' and is subject to a Ministerial Statement granted under Part IV of the EP Act, the conditions of a works approval or licence granted under Part V must not be contrary to the conditions of the Ministerial Statement.



More Information

For further information, please contact DWER Regulatory Services (Environment) on 6364 7000.

This document is available in alternative formats and other languages on request.

Additional publications regarding DWER's assessment of licence and works approval applications are available online at www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/licences-and-works-approvals or can be requested by phone on the above number.

Legislation

This document is provided for guidance only. It should not be relied upon to address every aspect of the relevant legislation. Please refer to the State Law Publisher (SLP) for copies of the relevant legislation, available electronically from the SLP website at www.slp.wa.gov.au.

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