

## Examiner's report

### CTSI Professional Competency Framework

#### Stage 2: Feed Written Examiner's Report May 2023

##### General

Seven candidates sat this paper. The total marks ranged from 35% to 77% with an average of 48%.

##### Section A

###### Q1

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 4 to 8.

Generally, a well answered question demonstrating knowledge of the use and information contained in the Catalogue of Feed Materials

###### Q2

Three candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 1 to 5.

Specified feed law is a term defined in regulation with the relevant legislation listed, a point that was not clearly identified by some candidates. Specified feed law is a fundamental concept, being referenced in other questions in the paper so it is important that candidates understand this and know the legislation which it includes.

###### Q3.

Three candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 1 to 3.

This question was not answered well. The terms inspection, audit and verification are explained in the Feed Law Code of Practice. Some candidates answered this question in relation to the actions of a feed business operator and HACCP rather than in relation to official controls as the question asked.

###### Q4.

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 4 to 8  
Average 5.8

Answers could have improved by providing a more robust definition of the term undesirable substance as stated in legislation.

Q5.

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 3 to 9  
Average 5.5

Generally, answers demonstrated understanding of the operation of earned recognition but many omitted that the assurance schemes for earned recognition must be Food Standards Agency Approved and examples were mainly limited to Red Tractor.

Q6.

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 2 to 8  
Average 6

The question did not require candidates to explain the requirements for feed safety, border control posts or the import of High-Risk Feed of Non-Animal Origin. This question was looking for explanation of the three types of check for imported feed in Retained EU Regulation 2017/625. There was some confusion between documentary and identity checks.

## Section B

Q7.

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 14 to 20  
Average 17

The most popular of the Section B questions reflected in the range and average of marks awarded. The question specifically referenced bagged feed so marks would not be awarded for content relating to sampling of loose feed. Several answers referenced that the 'sample record' should be completed. For the purposes of the exam answer the content of this record would need to be given e.g., quantity present, sample weights (aggregate, reduced if applicable and final samples).

Q8.

Three candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 5 to 11

Answers focussed mainly on the requirements of traceability and lacked detail on withdrawal and recall requirements. There was very little discussion on the effectiveness of the provisions. The question did not require detail on the feed safety requirement or HACCP.

Q9.

Three candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 11 to 24

Answers generally included the details required in an improvement notice but other elements of part (a) of the question including service of the notice were vague. Answers did not identify the element of 'reasonable grounds for believing' and rather just mentioned that a notice can be used when there is non-compliance. The question did not require a list of non-compliances for which a notice could be served, reference to 'specified feed law' was sufficient.

Part (b) the effectiveness of improvement notices was answered very well by one candidate but others did not seem to have an understanding of their use in practice to provide detail in their answers.

Q10.

Two candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 10 to 15  
The least popular question on the paper.

Whilst answers gave some information on the provisions for approval and registration, they were limited in drawing out the similarities and differences between these two mechanisms.  
The question referenced specified feed law so references to APHA were not relevant.