

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Feed Oral Examiner's Report May 2023

General

Five candidates sat the exam and marks ranged from 62% to 82% with an average of 74%.

Candidates were shown a series of PowerPoint slides, starting with a mock feed label to assess for compliance with labelling requirements. From this a scenario developed examining knowledge of further feed law e.g., undesirable substances, powers and sampling. The questioning explored the ability to assess the information provided to come to conclusions about legal compliance and the actions to be taken. Finally, an assessment was made of the skills to communicate the findings and decisions. All candidates came across as being confident given the circumstances of it being an exam, and positively mainly kept focus on the scenario presented rather than giving generic answers.

The examiner is looking for candidates to apply their knowledge to the situation described and the reason(s) for coming to a particular conclusion. Candidates therefore need to verbalise their thinking. Some candidates attempted to provide article references which sometimes caused confusion and affected clarity for the clear delivery of the answers. 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 cite article references in this oral exam; knowing the relevant domestic or retained EU legislation usually suffices. Imagine you are speaking to a feed business operator where the communication could be negatively affected by reciting of article and regulation numbers.

This cycle of oral candidates was all well prepared and demonstrated good knowledge to enable a flowing conversation about the feed scenarios presented and their proposed courses of action.