



Prohibition of feeding farmed animals with Animal by Products.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Veterinary Regulation Directorate wishes to remind you that the European and Maltese (Chapter 437) legislation prohibit the practice of feeding farmed animals with animal by-products. Also, we wish to inform you that catering waste originating from household kitchens (organic bags) is considered to be animal by-product CAT 3 as per EU Council Regulation 142/2011 and it is prohibited to feed it to farmed animals (pigs, ruminants etc.) as per EU Council Regulation 1069/2009.

It is important to note that the forbidden practice of swill feeding to farmed animals can be responsible for the introduction and spread of very dangerous infectious diseases like African Swine Fever, Classical Swine Fever and Foot and Mouth Disease.

In this regard, we wish to inform you that this Directorate will carry out a series of dedicated inspections to ensure that the public and animal health are not jeopardised. You are also hereby reminded that as from April 2023 you are obliged to have an Animal health Plan as per Chapter 437.47.

F/Director VRD

Għażiż Sinjur/Sinjura,

Id-Direttorat għar-Regolazzjoni Veterinarja jixtieq ifakkrek li l-leġislazzjoni Ewropea u Maltija (Kapitolu 437) jipprojbixxu l-prattika li l-bhejjem imrobbija fl-irziezet jiġu mitmugħa prodotti sekondarji tal-annimali.

Barra minn hekk, nixtiequ ninfurmawk li l-iskart tal-ikel li jorigina mill-kċina tad-dar (boroż organiċi) huwa kkunsidrat bħala prodotti sekondarji tal-annimali KAT 3 skont ir-Regolament tal-Kunsill tal-UE 142/2011 u huwa pprojbit li jingħalef lil bhejjem tat-trobbija (ħnieżer, ruminanti eċċ.) skont ir-Regolament tal-Kunsill tal-UE 1069/2009.

Huwa importanti li wieħed jinnota li l-prattika pprojbita ta' tmigh ta' *swill* lill-bhejjem tista' tkun il-kaġun ta' introduzzjoni u tixrid ta' mard infettiv perikoluż ħafna, bħad-Deni Afrikan tal-Ħnieżer, id-Deni Klassiku tal-Ħnieżer u l-Ilsien u d-Dwiefer.

F'dan ir-rigward, nixtiequ ninfurmawk li dan id-Direttorat se twettaq sensiela ta' spezzjonijiet apposta sabiex tiżgura li s-saħħa pubblika u tal-bhejjem ma jiġux ipperikolati.

Inti qiegħed tiġi hawn ukoll imfakkar li b'seħħ minn April 2023 inti obbligat li jkollok Pjan dwar is-Saħħa tal-Annimali skond il Kapitolu 437.47

għ/Direttur VRD