

GMP CODE AS A NATIONAL STANDARD

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AFMA has started drafting a Code of Good Manufacturing Practice based on the Dutch GMP Code in 1998 and the intention was to have it implemented in the South African feed industry to contribute to feed and food safety. Unfortunately, the implementation was subject to the approval of the new proposed Agricultural Products Enhancement Act which has not yet been published.

The feed industry and the Department of Agriculture (DoA) recently agreed that the GMP Code for the feed industry should be converted into a National Standard that will be applicable to the total feed industry, including feed manufacturers who are not members of AFMA.

The SABS will be doing the conversion. They will set up a Technical Committee, representing all role-players to work on the conversion. The existing AFMA GMP Code will form the basis for the National Standard and the fact that the Code is available, should speed up the process. The GMP Code is available on AFMA's website at www.afma.co.za under Codes of Practise.

Invitation

All people involved in the feed and related industries are invited to take part in the process. Please contact AFMA at tel: +27 (0)12 663 9097 on fax: +27 (0)12 663 9612 or send us your information by e-mail to admin@afma.co.za. Your information will then be passed on to the SABS. It is important for those feed manufacturers who are not members of AFMA to take part in the process.