

COVID-19: GUIDANCE FOR ON FARM DELIVERIES OF FEED

The overall aim of this guidance is to ensure that animal feed deliveries to farms are maintained through the current coronavirus situation.

With care we can ensure deliveries are maintained whilst taking steps to minimise the risk factors for virus spread. The critical factor is a well-functioning supply chain which, during this difficult time, will be achieved with patience and respect for each business partner and person.

This information has been prepared by AIC, taking into consideration the latest information available from AHDB and official sources, including Public Health England.

If it is important to stress that all normal farm Health and Safety procedures should continue to be followed. This Covid-19 guidance is over and above the normal procedures.

It is also important to stress that with schools closed, there is an increased likelihood of children on farm so all drivers need to remain especially vigilant.

SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR PRODUCERS

Key points for producers expecting delivery are as follows:

- Make supplier aware pre-delivery if any individual at site is self-isolating or showing symptoms of Coronavirus infection.
- Provide plenty of lead time for orders.
- Ensure delivery instructions are clear and available pre-delivery so that the driver is aware on arrival.
- Deliveries to farm: Avoid direct contact with driver of vehicle delivering to farm, maintaining 2m separation at all times with any other personnel.
- Ensure driver can wash or sanitise their hands as they enter and leave site, and/or wear appropriate gloves, and PPE where necessary.
- Ensure that all surfaces (e.g. bulk bin connection points) that may be shared by entrants onto the farm are cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- Consider biosecurity protocols such as cleaning any types of equipment which may be touched by the driver.
- Ensure there are handwashing facilities available, which should be separated from those facilities used by site personnel. If this cannot be achieved, then they must be able to be accessed by the driver alone or with a 2m separation from any other person or if carried, the driver may choose to use their own sanitisers.
- Please be aware that the driver may ask you for an alternative method of proof of delivery to avoid handling paper and pen.

SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS

The Road Haulage Association have produced specific guidance for staff in the transport sector. [Click here for the detailed review of guidance](#). Key points from this document are outlined below:

- Be sure you know the delivery instructions pre-arrival at farm and that no person on the farm has Covid-19 symptoms or is self-isolating.
- Frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products. This includes areas inside the cab (steering wheel, door handle, switches etc) and any external areas that are at risk of contact by third parties. This should be done at least daily.
- Use facilities at delivery destination for washing hands and sanitising pre and post-delivery or, if not available, those provided by your company.
- Follow all rules and instructions given in relation to delivery site.
- Ensure that you are always at least 2m distant from any individual.
- Leave any disposable PPE worn at the site in line with existing biosecurity protocols for animal disease outbreaks.
- Ensure all contact with third parties follows official government guidance when en-route to end destination.
- Please maintain all normal Health and Safety procedures.

SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS TO SITES WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE SELF-ISOLATING OR HAVE SHOWN COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Strict precautions will need to be agreed before any deliveries can take place. Only when all procedures are agreed should deliveries take place.
- The minimum number of deliveries should be made to the site across an agreed number of days.
- Drivers departing from the manufacturing mill must be fully briefed and only drivers where there are no concerns for their welfare or members of their immediate family should undertake such a delivery.
- Drivers must be given disposable PPE and sanitiser wipes to use on such deliveries.
- Drivers should proceed as normal to the customer's farm, following individual site biosecurity measures. In these instances, drivers must not be required to sign visitor books and requests to the customer should be made prior to the delivery to ensure that no staff are present in the vicinity during the agreed delivery time period.
- Before exiting the cab, the driver must ensure that their hands are sanitised, and that protective PPE is in place.
- The driver should make the feed delivery as normal.
- The driver must sign the delivery note (if this is the procedure) and leave in an agreed place for the customer.
- The driver must then remove their disposable overalls and gloves which must be left bagged up on farm before re-entering the cab. This is in line with existing biosecurity protocols for animal disease outbreaks.
- Drivers must wipe down the inside of the cab and the door handles with the sanitiser - paper towels or cloths used for this purpose must be bagged up in the cab and disposed of on the customer's site via the cab window – drivers must not leave the cab to carry out disposal.
- Neither PPE nor sanitising wipes must be brought back to the mill site.
- Please maintain all normal Health and Safety procedures.