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High level of in zearalenone in soya-bean hulls

Hulls (seeds) of soya (granular and non granular) (soya (bean) hulls (pellets) – code catalog 2.18.5 – Origin: Argentina) presenting a high level of zearalenone (ZEA) could be available on the market (including Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom). ZEA is a mycotoxin which has a negative influence on the production of animal feed (e.g. fertility).

At Legal level, there is no standard or action threshold laid down for that parameter in soya or soya-based products. Nevertheless, in the light of levels observed (up to 4,96 ppm), caution should be exercised when using these soya hulls (incorporation in compound feed or direct sale to breeders) in order for the content of compound feed/rations, which will eventually be given to animals, presents acceptable ZEA levels (different depending on the target animal).

Here it is essential to ensure that correct information is provided for potential users of lots presenting a high level of ZEA.

As a reminder, all standard and action thresholds applicable in the FCA Standard are included in document '[BT-01: Normes complémentaires pour les aliments pour animaux et les flux connexes à transformer](#)'.

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