

GAIN

EQUINE NUTRITION

GAIN Equine Nutrition wishes to advise its customers that it is investigating the potential presence of a contaminant in some batches of our equine feed range.

Until further investigations are completed, GAIN customers with competing horses are advised to refrain from feeding our products to their animals across all disciplines.

The contaminant, Zilpaterol, is a synthetic beta-agonist approved for use as a performance-enhancer in some beef production systems outside of the EU.

It is important to stress that this synthetic substance has never formed part of any formulation in any of our animal nutrition ranges.

A potential issue was first alerted to us based on positive test results from France Galop from some horses fed on our products in France.

Following receipt of this information, our quality and control team immediately commenced testing our feed products, both retained samples and also product in the market.

Immediately on receipt of a positive test result on some individual feed samples this morning, Friday 2 October, we commenced the process of notifying all the relevant authorities. We are working closely with all appropriate agencies, including the Irish Department of Agriculture, to fully investigate the source of this contamination.

We will provide a more detailed update once more information is available.

Martin Ryan, Head of GAIN Equine said:

“We apologise sincerely to our valued customers for the inconvenience caused by this incident and we are committed to promptly keeping you fully informed. A thorough investigation and trace back of all feed ingredient sources is underway as a matter of urgency to determine how this external contaminant could have found its way into some batches of our equine product.”

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