

Contract No.118

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THE GRAIN AND FEED TRADE ASSOCIATION

CONTRACT FOR FEEDING FISHMEAL FOB TERMS IN BAGS OR BULK FOB TERMS

* delete/specify as applicable

Date

SELLERS

INTERVENING AS BROKERS

BUYERS

have this day entered into a contract on the following terms and conditions.

1. GOODS

In bulk or in bags. If in bags, of suitable strength to withstand ordinary wear and tear to port of destination. Bags of each mark shall be of uniform weight and shall be properly marked. Bags shall not at any time have contained asbestos or any other potentially injurious material.

2. QUANTITY up to 5% more or less at Buyers' option.

Each mark/parcel shall stand as a separate delivery and each delivery shall stand as a separate contract.

3. PRICE at.....

*per tonne of 1000 kilograms }
} gross weight, delivered Free on Board, stowed/trimmed at
*per ton of 1016 kilograms or 2240 lbs.}

4. BROKERAGEper tonne, to be paid by Sellers on the mean contract quantity, goods lost or not lost, contract fulfilled or not fulfilled unless such non-fulfilment is due to the cancellation of the contract under the terms of the Prevention of Delivery Clause. Brokerage shall be due on the day shipping documents are exchanged, or if the goods are not delivered then the brokerage shall be due on the 30th consecutive day after the last day for delivery. Any disputes arising out of this clause shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause.

5. QUALITY

*(a) **Sample** -about equal to sealed sample marked.....

in the possession of

*(b) **Certificates** of to be final as to quality and analysis

*(c) **To contain:** -

Warranted Basis: % of protein,

..... % of fat/oil,

..... % of salt

..... % of sand and/or silica

..... % of moisture

6. ALLOWANCES FOR EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Any deficiency in protein below the warranty stated herein shall be allowed at the rate of

per unit of protein with a proportion allowance for each fraction of a unit. If not sold on a "price per unit of protein basis", for this purpose the value of a unit of protein shall be determined by dividing the contract price by the warranted percentage of protein. Any excess of salt, sand, oil or moisture above the warranties stated herein shall be allowed at the rate of 1% of the contract price for each unit in excess, with a proportional allowance for each fraction of 1%.

Condition. Delivery shall be made in good condition.

7. PERIOD OF DELIVERY

Delivery during at Buyers' call.

Nomination of Vessel. Buyers shall serve not less thanconsecutive days' notice of the name and probable readiness date of the vessel and the estimated tonnage required. The Buyer has the right to substitute any nominated vessel. Buyer's obligations regarding pre-advice shall only apply to the original vessel nominated. No new pre-advice is required to be given in respect of any substitute vessel, provided that the substitute vessel arrives no earlier than the estimated time of arrival of the original vessel nominated and always within the delivery period. Provided the vessel is presented at the loading port in readiness to load within the delivery period, Sellers shall if necessary complete loading after the delivery period and carrying charges shall not apply. Notice of substitution to be given as soon as possible but in any event no later than one business day before the estimated time of arrival of the original vessel. In case of re-sales a provisional notice shall be passed on without delay, where possible, by telephone and confirmed on the same day in accordance with the Notices Clause. In any month containing an odd number of days the middle day shall be accepted as being in both halves of the month, except for pricing purposes the middle day shall be considered to be in the first half of the month.

8. SHIP'S CLASSIFICATION.

Shipment by first class mechanically self-propelled vessel(s) suitable for the carriage of the contract goods, classed in accordance with the Institute Classification Clause of the International Underwriting Association in force at the time of shipment, excluding tankers and vessels which are either classified in Lloyd's Register or described in Lloyd's Shipping Index as "Ore/Oil" vessels.

9. LOADING

Vessel(s) to be clean and fit to receive the goods and to load in accordance with the custom of the port of loading unless otherwise stipulated. Bill of lading shall be considered proof of delivery in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

10. EXTENSION OF DELIVERY

The contract period of delivery shall be extended by an additional period of not more than 15 consecutive days, provided that Buyers serve notice claiming extension not later than the next business day following the last day of the delivery period. In this event Sellers shall carry the goods for Buyers' account and all charges for storage, interest, insurance and other such normal carrying expenses shall be for Buyers' account, unless the vessel presents in readiness to load within the contractual delivery period.

Any differences in export duties, taxes, levies etc, between those applying during the original delivery period and those applying during the period of extension, shall be for the account of Buyers. If required by Buyers, Sellers shall produce evidence of the amounts paid. In such cases the Duties, Taxes, Levies Clause shall not apply.

Should Buyers fail to present a vessel in readiness to load under the extension period, Sellers shall have the option of declaring Buyers to be in default, or shall be entitled to demand payment at the contract price plus such charges as stated above, less current FOB charges, against warehouse warrants and the tender of such warehouse warrants shall be considered complete delivery of the contract on the part of Sellers.

11. PAYMENT

(a) By cash against Bill of Lading or Mate's Receipt on presentation of

(b) No obvious clerical error in the documents shall entitle Buyers to reject them or delay payment, but Sellers shall be responsible for all loss or expense caused to Buyers by reason of such error, and Sellers shall on request of Buyers furnish an approved guarantee in respect thereto.

(c) Interest. If there has been unreasonable delay in any payment, interest appropriate to the currency involved shall be charged. If such charge is not mutually agreed, a dispute shall be deemed to exist which shall be settled by arbitration. Otherwise interest shall be payable only where specifically provided in the terms of the contract or by an award of arbitration. The terms of this clause do not override the parties' contractual obligation under sub-clause (a).

12. EXPORT LICENCE- if required, to be obtained by Sellers.

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109 **13. DUTIES AND TAXES ON GOODS**

110 Sellers shall customs clear the goods for export. All export duties and taxes, present or future, in country of origin
111 or of the territory where the port or ports of shipment herein is/are situate, shall be for Sellers' account, unless
112 otherwise provided.
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114 **14. INSURANCE**

115 Marine and War Risk insurance including strikes, riots, civil commotions, mine risks, heating, sweating and
116 spontaneous combustion to be effected by Buyers with first class underwriters and/or approved companies.
117 Buyers shall supply Sellers, at their request, with confirmation thereof at least 5 consecutive days prior to expected
118 readiness of vessel(s). If Buyers fail to provide such confirmation Sellers shall have the right to place such
119 insurance at Buyers' risk and expense.
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121 **15. WEIGHING**

122 The terms and conditions of GAFTA Weighing Rules No.123 are deemed to be incorporated into this contract.
123 Final at time and place of loading, as per GAFTA registered superintendent certificate at Sellers' choice and
124 expense. Buyers have the right to attend at loading.
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126 **16. SAMPLING, ANALYSIS AND CERTIFICATES OF ANALYSIS**

127 The terms and conditions of GAFTA Sampling Rules No. 124 are deemed to be incorporated into this contract.
128 Samples shall be taken at time and place of loading. The parties shall appoint superintendents, for the purposes
129 of supervision and sampling of the goods, from the GAFTA Register of Superintendents. Unless otherwise agreed,
130 analysts shall be appointed from the GAFTA Register of Analysts.
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132 **17. FUMIGATION**

133 Where fumigation has been agreed, the terms and conditions of GAFTA Fumigation Rules No. 132 shall be
134 incorporated into this contract.
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136 **18. PREVENTION OF DELIVERY**

137 "Event of Force Majeure" means (a) prohibition of export or other executive or legislative act done by or on
138 behalf of the government of the country of origin or of the territory where the port or ports named herein is/are
139 situate, restricting export, whether partially or otherwise, or (b) blockade, or (c) acts of terrorism, or (d)
140 hostilities, or (e) strike, lockout or combination of workmen, or (f) riot or civil commotion, or (g) breakdown of
141 machinery, or (h) fire, or (i) ice, or (j) Act of God, or (k) unforeseeable and unavoidable impediments to
142 transportation or navigation, or (l) any other event comprehended in the term "force majeure".
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144 Should Sellers' performance of this contract be prevented, whether partially or otherwise, by an Event of Force
145 Majeure, the performance of this contract shall be suspended for the duration of the Event of Force Majeure,
146 provided that Sellers shall have served a notice on Buyers within 7 consecutive days of the occurrence or not
147 later than 21 consecutive days before commencement of the period of delivery, whichever is later, with the
148 reasons therefor.
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150 If the Event of Force Majeure continues for 21 consecutive days after the end of the period of delivery, then
151 Buyers have the option to cancel the unfulfilled part of the contract by serving a notice on Sellers not later than
152 the first business day after expiry of the 21 day period.
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154 If this option to cancel is not exercised then the contract shall remain in force for an additional period of 14
155 consecutive days, after which, if the Event of Force Majeure has not ceased, any unfulfilled part of the contract
156 shall be automatically cancelled.
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158 If the Event of Force Majeure ceases before the contract or any unfulfilled part thereof can be cancelled, Sellers
159 shall notify Buyers without delay that the Event of Force Majeure has ceased. The period of delivery shall be
160 extended, from the cessation, to as much time as was left for delivery under the contract prior to the occurrence
161 of the Event of Force Majeure. If the time that was left for delivery under the contract is 14 days or less, a period
162 of 14 consecutive days shall be allowed.
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164 The burden of proof lies upon Sellers and the parties shall have no liability to each other for delay and/or non-
165 fulfilment under this clause, provided that Sellers shall have provided to Buyers, if required, satisfactory
166 evidence justifying the delay or non-fulfilment.
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168 **19. CIRCLE**

169 Where Sellers re-purchase from their Buyers or from any subsequent Buyer the same goods or part thereof, a circle
170 shall be considered to exist as regards the particular goods so re-purchased, and the provisions of the Default
171 Clause shall not apply. (For the purpose of this clause the same goods shall mean goods of the same description,
172 from the same country of origin, of the same quality, and, where applicable, of the same analysis warranty, for
173 delivery from the same port(s) of loading during the same period of loading). Different currencies shall not
174 invalidate the circle.

175 Subject to the terms of the Prevention of Delivery Clause in the contract, if the goods are not delivered invoices
176 based on the mean contract quantity, or if the goods have been delivered invoice based on the delivered quantity,
177 shall be settled by all Buyers and their Sellers in the circle by payment by all Buyers to their Sellers of the excess of
178 the Sellers' invoice amount over the lowest invoice amount in the circle. Payment shall be due not later than 15
179 consecutive days after the last day for appropriation, or, should the circle not be ascertained before the expiry of
180 this time, then payment shall be due not later than 15 consecutive days after the circle is ascertained. Where the
181 circle includes contracts expressed in different currencies the lowest invoice amount shall be replaced by the
182 market price on the first day for contractual shipment and invoices shall be settled between each Buyer and his
183 Seller in the circle by payment of the differences between the market price and the relative contract price in
184 currency of the contract.

185 All Sellers and Buyers shall give every assistance to ascertain the circle and when a circle shall have been
186 ascertained in accordance with this clause same shall be binding on all parties to the circle. As between Buyers and
187 Sellers in the circle, the non-presentation of documents by Sellers to their Buyers shall not be considered a breach
188 of contract. Should any party in the circle prior to the due date of payment commit any act comprehended in the
189 Insolvency Clause of this contract, settlement by all parties in the circle shall be calculated at the closing out price
190 as provided for in the Insolvency Clause, which shall be taken as a basis for settlement, instead of the lowest invoice
191 amount in the circle. In this event respective Buyers shall make payment to their Sellers or respective Sellers shall
192 make payment to their Buyers of the difference between the closing out price and the contract price.

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194 **20. NOTICES**

195 (a) All notices required to be served on the parties pursuant to this contract shall be served in legible form
196 by E-mail, or by other mutually recognised electronic method of rapid communication, always subject to
197 the provision that if receipt of any notice is contested, the burden of proof of transmission shall be on the
198 sender who shall, in the case of a dispute, establish, to the satisfaction of the arbitrator(s) or board of
199 appeal appointed pursuant to the Arbitration Clause, that the notice was actually transmitted to the
200 addressee.

201 (b) In case of resales/repurchases, all notices shall be served without delay by sellers on their respective
202 buyers or vice versa, and any notice received after 1600 hours on a business day shall be deemed, for the
203 purpose of passing onto their sub buyers and sub sellers, to have been received on the business day
204 following.

205 (c) A notice to the Brokers or Agent shall be deemed a notice under this contract.

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207 **21. NON-BUSINESS DAYS**

208 Saturdays, Sundays and the officially recognised and/or legal holidays of the respective countries and any days,
209 which GAFTA may declare as non-business days for specific purposes, shall be non-business days. Should the time
210 limit for doing any act or serving any notice expire on a non-business day, the time so limited shall be extended
211 until the first business day thereafter. The period of delivery shall not be affected by this clause.

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213 **22. DEFAULT**

214 In default of fulfilment of contract by either party, the following provisions shall apply: -

215 (a) The party other than the defaulter shall, at their discretion have the right, after serving notice on the defaulter,
216 to sell or purchase, as the case may be, against the defaulter, and such sale or purchase shall establish the default
217 price.

218 (b) If either party be dissatisfied with such default price or if the right at (a) above is not exercised and damages
219 cannot be mutually agreed, then the assessment of damages shall be settled by arbitration.

220 (c) The damages payable shall be based on, but not limited to, the difference between the contract price and either
221 the default price established under (a) above or upon the actual or estimated value of the goods, on the date of
222 default, established under (b) above.

223 (d) In all cases the damages shall, in addition, include any proven additional expenses which would directly and
224 naturally result in the ordinary course of events from the defaulter's breach of contract, but shall in no case include
225 loss of profit on any sub-contracts made by the party defaulted against or others unless the arbitrator(s) or board
226 of appeal, having regard to special circumstances, shall in his/their sole and absolute discretion think fit.

227 (e) Damages, if any, shall be computed on the quantity called for if any but, if no such quantity has been declared

then on the mean contract quantity, and any option available to either party shall be deemed to have been exercised accordingly in favour of the mean contract quantity.

23. INSOLVENCY

23.1 If before the fulfilment of this contract, either party shall:

- (a) suspend payments;
 - (b) notify any of the creditors that he is unable to meet debts or that he has suspended or that he is about to suspend payments of his debts;
 - (c) convene, call or hold a meeting of creditors;
 - (d) propose either:
 - (i) a voluntary arrangement; or
 - (ii) a restructuring plan under Part 26A Companies Act 2006;
 - (e) be subject to a moratorium pursuant to Part A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
 - (f) be subject to either:
 - (i) a notice of intention to appoint an administrator; or
 - (ii) a notice of appointment of an administrator;
 - (g) have an administration order made;
 - (h) be subject to a winding up petition;
 - (i) have a winding up order made;
 - (j) have a receiver or manager appointed;
 - (k) convene, call or hold a meeting to go into liquidation (other than for re-construction or amalgamation);
 - (l) become subject to an interim order under Section 252 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
 - (m) have a bankruptcy petition presented against him,
- (any of which acts being hereinafter called an "**Act of Insolvency**")

then the party committing such Act of Insolvency shall forthwith serve a notice of the occurrence of such Act of Insolvency on the other party to the contract and upon proof (by either the other party to the contract or the office-holder or other person representing the party committing the Act of Insolvency) that such notice was served within 2 business days of the occurrence of the Act of Insolvency, the contract shall be closed out at the market price ruling on the business day following the serving of the notice.

23.2 If such notice has not been served, then the other party, on learning of the occurrence of the Act of Insolvency, shall have the option of declaring the contract closed out at either the market price on the first business day after the date when such party first learnt of the occurrence of the Act of Insolvency or at the market price ruling on the first business day after the date when the Act of Insolvency occurred.

23.3 In all cases the other party to the contract shall have the option of ascertaining the settlement price on the closing out of the contract by re-purchase or re-sale, and the difference between the contract price and the re-purchase or re-sale price shall be the amount payable or receivable under this contract.

24. DOMICILE

This contract shall be deemed to have been made in England and to be performed in England, notwithstanding any contrary provision, and this contract shall be construed and take effect in accordance with the laws of England. Except for the purpose of enforcing any award made in pursuance of the Arbitration Clause of this contract, the Courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any application for ancillary relief, (save for obtaining security only for the claim or counter-claim), the exercise of the powers of the Court in relation to the arbitration proceedings and any dispute other than a dispute which shall fall within the jurisdiction of arbitrators or board of appeal of the Association pursuant to the Arbitration Clause of this contract. For the purpose of any legal proceedings each party shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident or carrying on business at the offices of The Grain and Feed Trade Association, (GAFTA), England, and any party residing or carrying on business in Scotland shall be held to have prorogated jurisdiction against himself to the English Courts or if in Northern Ireland to have submitted to the jurisdiction and to be bound by the decision of the English Courts. The service of proceedings upon any such party by leaving the same at the offices of The Grain and Feed Trade Association, together with the posting of a copy of such proceedings to his address outside England, shall be deemed good service, any rule of law or equity to the contrary notwithstanding.

25. ARBITRATION

(a) Any and all disputes arising out of or under this contract or any claim regarding the interpretation or execution of this contract shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the GAFTA Arbitration Rules, No 125, in the edition current at the date of this contract; such Rules are incorporated into and form part of this Contract and both parties hereto shall be deemed to be fully cognisant of and to have expressly agreed to the application of such Rules.

(b) Neither party hereto, nor any persons claiming under either of them shall bring any action or other legal

proceedings against the other in respect of any such dispute, or claim until such dispute or claim shall first have been heard and determined by the arbitrator(s) or a board of appeal, as the case may be, in accordance with the Arbitration Rules and it is expressly agreed and declared that the obtaining of an award from the arbitrator(s) or board of appeal, as the case may be, shall be a condition precedent to the right of either party hereto or of any persons claiming under either of them to bring any action or other legal proceedings against the other of them in respect of any such dispute or claim.

(c) Nothing contained under this Arbitration Clause shall prevent the parties from seeking to obtain security in respect of their claim or counterclaim via legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, provided such legal proceedings shall be limited to applying for and/or obtaining security for a claim or counterclaim, it being understood and agreed that the substantive merits of any dispute or claim shall be determined solely by arbitration in accordance with the GAFTA Arbitration Rules, No 125.

26. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The following shall not apply to this contract: -

(a) The Uniform Law on Sales and the Uniform Law on Formation to which effect is served by the Uniform Laws on International Sales Act 1967.

(b) The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of 1980.

(c) The United Nations Convention on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods of 1974 and the amending Protocol of 1980.

(d) Incoterms.

(e) Unless the contract contains any statement expressly to the contrary, a person who is not a party to this contract has no right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of it.

27. METHODS OF ANALYSIS

Unless otherwise agreed, the terms and conditions of GAFTA Methods of Analysis No. 130 are deemed to be incorporated into this contract.

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