



Gafta Approved
Register of Analysts
**Code of
Practice**

Effective from 1 September 2019

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Code of Practice is applicable for all analysts on the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts or those applying to become Gafta Approved, hereinafter referred to as “analysts”. This Code is a summary of the minimum requirements to be adopted by analysts.
- 1.2 Analysts must comply with this Code of Practice.
- 1.3 An analyst who is found to have acted contrary to any provision of this Code of Practice or to their spirit may be subject to disciplinary action under the relevant Gafta procedure.

2.0 Requirements

An analyst must:

- 2.1 be a laboratory engaged in the testing of agricultural commodities and/or animal feedstuffs.
 - 2.2 be a member of Gafta in Category F – Analysts
 - 2.3 participate in the Gafta Ring Test Scheme and achieve satisfactory results

Analysts who provide two consecutive unsatisfactory results for the same test will be removed from the Approved Register until satisfactory results are achieved in future ring test(s).
 - 2.4 hold a valid certificate of conformance to the Gafta Standard for Analysts
- OR** hold a valid certificate of accreditation to the latest version of ISO17025. The scope of accreditation should include, as a minimum, all of the compulsory tests within the Gafta Ring Test Scheme:

Animal Feed:

- Ash
- Fibre
- Moisture
- Oil
- Protein

Grains:

- Moisture
- Protein

NOTE: All new applicants to the Approved Register of Analysts must comply with these requirements. Existing members (at 1 September 2019) must provide the evidence requested in point 2.4 no later than 31 May 2021.

Where there is more than one available method listed (per analyte) in the Gafta No.130 Register of Analysis Methods, (for example moisture) the scope must include, as a minimum, the primary (most frequently used) method used by the laboratory for the testing of agricultural commodities and animal feedstuffs.

On expiry of the validity period of a certificate a period of three months is allowed for delivery of an updated certificate to Gafta. After the expiry of a three month period, analysts without a valid certificate will be removed from the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts until a valid certificate is provided.

- 2.5 carry out testing in accordance with Gafta No.130 Register of Analysis Methods.

NOTE: Where no Gafta method is stipulated the method should be agreed between the contracting parties. Where no such agreement exists Gafta Approved Analysts may elect to use any suitable internationally recognised method. In this case the method used should be clearly stated on the certificate(s)/report(s) of analysis issued.

- 2.6 Members are listed on the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts for 12 months after which time continuation is dependent compliance with the above criteria.

3.0 Sub-contracting

- 3.1 Where there is a need to sub-contract any test listed on the Gafta No.130 Register of Analysis Methods this must be limited to another analyst laboratory on the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts.
- 3.2 Where this applies to a test not listed on the Gafta No 130: Register of Gafta Methods of Analysis this must be limited to any analyst laboratory accredited to ISO 17025 for the test in question.
- 3.3 If, despite reasonable efforts, an analyst laboratory accredited for the test in question is not available then the analyst laboratory may sub-contract to any appropriate analyst laboratory accredited to ISO 17025 for related analysis. In this event laboratories must be able to demonstrate that reasonable efforts were made to locate the appropriate analyst laboratory with the specific test in their scope of accreditation but that none were found.

4.0 Record and Sample Keeping

- 4.1** The following records are required to be kept for a minimum of 7 years, unless there are additional requirements:
- Copies of Certificates and Reports issued
 - Invoices
 - Sample Registration Records
 - Instructions from Principals
- 4.2** Representative portions of the samples as received for analysis and representative portions of the prepared samples must be kept in appropriate storage conditions to maintain the integrity of the samples for a minimum period of 1 month unless otherwise specified by the customer or statutory requirements.

5.0 General

- 5.1** The Gafta Analysts scheme is operated as far as possible on a “paper free” basis. All communications, reports and certificates are sent by email, which may be printed if required by the recipient.
- 5.2** Analysts will be allocated a unique laboratory reference number and are requested to quote this in all communications to Gafta relating to the scheme.
- 5.3** An analyst shall report to Gafta any attempts by interested parties to influence the outcome of its analyses.

6.0 Gafta Approved Logo

- 6.1** Gafta Approved Analysts shall be permitted to indicate they are listed on the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts and are able to provide their services under Gafta contract terms.
- 6.2** Analysts meeting the requirements of this Code of Practice shall be permitted to use the Gafta Approved Register of Analysts logo in accordance with guidance from Gafta provided in the Logo User Guide.
- 6.3** Permission to use the logo is limited to the Approved Analyst and may not be transferred or licensed to any other business or part of the business.
- 6.4** Gafta reserves the right to take immediate action against any misuse of the logo(s), or false claim regarding the Approved Registers or Approved Register Logos.

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