FAQs Related to FSMA Procedures at VRF Plants

1. What is FSMA?

FSMA stands for the Food Safety Modernization Act, a law passed by Congress a few years ago. Feed and transportation regulations were proposed under FSMA and those regulations are expected to be finalized in the next few months. VRF has begun implementing its procedures to be compliant with those regulations.

2. How do these new FSMA regulations affect me if I am dropping off a load of corn or picking up a load of feed from a VRF plant?

The plant cannot take corn, or load feed, into a truck that has hauled animal protein products, metal, recycling products, garbage/waste transported to landfills, fertilizers, pesticides (as defined by FIFRA, 7 USC Section 136 (2013)), solvents or chemicals, asphalt or construction waste, medical waste, or hazardous waste (as defined by 40 CFR Section 261.2 (2013)). Therefore, the plant will request that the driver of each truck sign a statement that it has not hauled such products or, if it has, that it has cleaned out the truck prior to arriving at the plant.

3. What will the certification say?

In addition to the standard BSE certification, the new certification will add the following language:

By its signature, Driver is also certifying that the vehicle used to transport the product named in this form is sanitary for the transportation of feed under all applicable FDA laws and regulations. Specifically, Driver certifies that the vehicle was cleaned after its last load or that the vehicle's last three loads did not contain animal protein products, metal, recycling products, garbage/waste transported to landfills, fertilizers, pesticides (as defined by FIFRA, 7 USC Section 136 (2013)), solvents or chemicals, asphalt or construction waste, medical waste, or hazardous waste (as defined by 40 CFR Section 261.2 (2013)). Driver acknowledges that VRF reserves the right to request documentation of cleanout certificates and previous three loads hauled at any time.

4. What happens if I have hauled one of these products and not cleaned the truck?

You will not be able to sign the certificate and the plant will not be able to accept corn and/or load feed into your truck.

5. Will VRF provide a cleanout on site?

No, VRF will not have clean out facilities on site.