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# **Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya**

## **Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya**

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### **CHAPTER 4 STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS RUMINANT FEED AND NUTRITION INSECURITY**

#### **4.3 Pillar 3. Feed utilisation**

The factors influencing feed utilisation include its quality, safety, standards, processing, and value addition, among other factors. This section contains the strategic interventions to address the critical issues hindering feed utilisation

##### **4.3.2 Intervention 2. Strategies to improve feed standards**

- i. Develop and operationalise feeds code of practice, especially for the forages.
- ii. Harmonise and operationalise feed stuff standards and tariffs. Ongoing efforts are to harmonise feed standards for the East African region, mainly feed ingredients and forages. The process needs operationalisation, including awareness creation and broadening the standards to encompass other trading blocks, e.g. COMESA, SADC, ECOWAS
- iii. Promote uniformity in units of packages and labelling for the different feed operators.
- iv. Enhance surveillance systems and enforcement of feed quality standards
- v. Review existing policy and legislation on feed standardisation
- vi. Fast-track the livestock bill to facilitate the formulation of the animal feed regulations
- vii. Provide adequate information and communication (limited awareness) on feed quality standards since most rural users have low access to information. This should be emphasised in local media -print, television and radio to reach the critical mass of farmers to improve feed quality standards.