



## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ADVANCES BURN-FREE FEED CORN PRODUCTION MEASURES

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is moving forward with measures to promote burn-free animal feed corn production, aiming to raise production standards while ensuring continued support for farmers.



Mr. Apai Suttisang, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, disclosed this following his role as chair of the first meeting (1/2026) of the working group on measures to promote domestic burn-free feed corn production. The meeting was attended by relevant agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Extension, Cooperative Promotion Department, Agricultural Land Reform Office, Office of Agricultural Economics, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Department of Foreign Trade, Customs Department, and the Thai Feed Mill Association. The purpose of the meeting was to consider operational guidelines to support the enforcement of burn-free feed corn import measures, which will enter an adjustment period starting January 1, 2026.

In addition, the meeting focused on preparing preventive and mitigation measures to address potential impacts on domestic farmers and entrepreneurs arising from the enforcement of these measures, as well as on defining policies to further promote domestic production.

The meeting approved guidelines in line with the Ministry of Commerce's notification, which designates animal feed corn as a controlled product requiring certification and compliance with import management measures under Thailand's Competent Authority (CA) framework.



The Department of Agriculture reported progress on establishing inspection and certification mechanisms for imported burn-free feed corn, including the appointment of a subcommittee on import traceability. This subcommittee will be responsible for setting post-import inspection frameworks, ensuring compliance with prescribed standards, and systematically reporting results to the National Corn Policy and Management Committee.

Coordination has also been carried out with the Department of Foreign Trade to require exporting countries to officially confirm the list of authorized certifying bodies. In parallel, proposals from the private sector regarding eligible certifying agencies are being considered to ensure clarity, accuracy, and minimal disruption to Thailand's animal feed raw-material supply chain.

Furthermore, work will proceed in parallel, with the Department of Agriculture formulating relevant criteria and conditions while seeking cooperation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate with exporting countries. These countries will be asked to provide formal confirmation of competent and qualified certification bodies to ensure clarity in inspection and certification processes. All document review and verification must strictly comply with Ministry of Commerce notifications and relevant laws.

The meeting also jointly analyzed the potential impacts of upgrading production standards to a burn-free system. These impacts may affect farmers through higher production costs and limitations in farm-level certification mechanisms, particularly expenses related to transitioning production methods. Constraints in government personnel and budgets for field inspections were also noted. Relevant agencies were assigned to conduct comprehensive assessments of impacts on farmers, businesses, and public-sector costs.

Finally, the meeting considered measures to promote domestic burn-free feed corn production to ensure fair enforcement of the policy and to drive Thailand's feed corn production toward long-term environmental sustainability.

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