

FAMI-QS and GMP+ International have renewed mutual Memorandum of Understanding

In 2013 FAMI-QS and GMP+ moved forward by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in view of further supporting and securing the global value feed chain. The Memorandum of Understanding allows feed business operators to choose freely the feed safety management system that better fits into their operations and to deliver to each other's system without preconditions and without jeopardising the feed safety.

This major step forward was based on the common trust in regards to the results that both organizations deliver towards feed safety and also on the commitment of FAMI-QS and GMP+ International towards the EU single market and WTO-TBT Agreement.

Under this framework, FAMI-QS and GMP+ International have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding in order to include the latest developments in feed safety for both schemes.

Next to the acceptance of each other's certificates, FAMI-QS and GMP+ International have agreed to work together on topics such as accreditation, harmonisation of schemes and promotion of feed safety system all around the world, in addition to the important issue of bulk transport.

FAMI-QS doesn't certify transport; however, it defines the requirements that FAMI-QS certified feed business operators shall impose on transport companies. On the other hand, GMP+ International has a dedicated standard for transportation, as well as significant experience in safety issues related to the transport of feed. As a result of the close cooperation with GMP+ International, FAMI-QS feed business operators will be exempted from the implementation of the requirements of FAMI-QS Code Version 6.0 to 7.11. *Transport* when they use a GMP+ FSA certified transporter.

Joining forces on transport issues will further ensure that the safety of the raw materials and the final products will not be jeopardised by transportation risks. Furthermore, we will ensure a harmonised global approach on transport issues and further support the regions in this aspect.

FAMI-QS and GMP+ International will create a common Task Force (TF) on the Transportation of Feed. The TF will consist of transportation experts from both organisations. The TF's objective is to enable FAMI-QS to provide the Specialty Feed Ingredients sector's input on the International transport database, through GMP+ International's participation as a member of the International Database Transport for Feed (IDTF).

FAMI-QS and GMP+ International will continue to work closely on topics of common interest, in order to create the necessary synergies, which will result in avoiding duplications, supporting the feed industry to overcome global challenges and enhancing the exchange of experiences between the two schemes.

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