Recent Webinar Discusses Updates to the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program

The webinar covered changes in the new version 7.0 FSC36 Guidance Document.

The American Feed Industry Association, in partnership with Eurofins Scientific, held a webinar on June 14 to review the updated guidance document and requirements for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Code Version 7.0. If you were unable to join, a recording of the webinar can be found on the Safe Feed/Safe Food website.

AFIA’s third-party certification program, FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food, provides an excellent roadmap for facilities seeking to gain compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act. AFIA’s Quality and Animal Food Safety Committee recently revised the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Guidance Document Version 7.0 to include clear references and expectations relative to FSMA compliance. The guidance includes sections on current good manufacturing practices and record-keeping requirements, as well as the food safety plan and hazard analysis.

AFIA first created and released the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification program in 2004. The program has grown, and facilities can now receive certifications in four areas, including:

- FSC36, the standard Safe Feed/Safe Food program;
- FSC32, for pet food and pet food ingredients;
- FSC34, which is benchmarked with the Global Food Safety Initiative; and
- International Safe Feed/Safe Food, in partnership with FAMI-QS. This is made available in cooperation with AFIA’s European counterpart, the Feed Additives and Premixtures Association (FEFANA).

One question that members regularly ask is: how can I use the Safe Feed/Safe Food seal and are there costs associated with it? Proper use of the Safe Feed/Safe Feed seal is described in Section 5, SF/SF 10, and Appendix B of the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food guidance document version 7.0. Upon receiving FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification, the facility will be asked to sign a licensing agreement, which covers the proper use of the seal, and then they are welcome to use it free of charge. For more details on signing the agreement with AFIA, contact your certifying body, which can be found on the website.
Visit the Safe Feed/Safe Food website to learn more about the firms engaged and certified in any of these programs as well as to see the steps and costs involved in the certification process.

Food Safety Certification Programs

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