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### **Strategic alliance between FEFANA, SINDIRAÇÕES and AFIA**

**Brussels, 10 February 2009 - FEFANA has reached agreements with SINDIRAÇÕES (Brazil) and AFIA (U.S.) which seal a policy of strong cooperation with each. These organizations will provide support and share knowledge about their respective feed safety schemes in order to reduce trade barriers and still meet the necessary regulatory requirements of each territory. This is an important step for the feed sector and supports the work towards increased safety assurance of the feed chain done by the three organizations at international level.**

Today, the development of feed safety management systems needs ongoing and better coordinated communication between all associations representing the feed industry; only this communication will increase confidence and know-how to fulfill the expectations of the consumer. Therefore, FEFANA/FAMI-QS recently signed agreements of cooperation with each of its chain partners SINDIRAÇÕES and AFIA.

The agreements will allow local auditors to inspect either U.S. or Brazilian operators for compliance with Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 on Feed Hygiene and FAMI-QS (European Feed Additive and Premixture Quality System). Specifically, both agreements allow FAMI-QS to teach professionals from Brazilian and U.S. certification bodies so that they can provide FAMI-QS audits and certification to operators who export into the European Union. The agreement will therefore facilitate trade of feed additives and premixtures between these territories. Moreover, this new agreement offers a tool for validating EU regulatory compliance for exporters from Brazil and US.

The agreements were signed during the FAO/IFIF – 2nd Feed Regulators Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 27<sup>th</sup> by Mr. Arioaldo Zanni, Executive Director of SINDIRAÇÕES (Sindicato Nacional da Indústria de Alimentação Animal), Mr. Joel G. Newman, President of AFIA (American Feed Industry Association) and Mr. Didier Jans, Secretary General of FEFANA and FAMI-QS.

No time was lost and a two-day training course for auditors of future FAMI-QS certified companies was already organized by SINDIRAÇÕES last week. The training was given by Dr. Elsa Vecino Peiró, FEFANA/FAMI-QS Quality Manager, and took place in São Paulo, Brazil, on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. AFIA is also currently in the midst of planning, with the support of FEFANA, the training of auditors to inspect U.S. firms based on FAMI-QS requirements.



Images of the auditors during the FAMI-QS training session in São Paulo

#### **About FEFANA**

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives producers association that was founded in 1963. With almost 90 members from 28 countries, the association is the interface between the feed additives industry and the European Union authorities, including Member States authorities, in order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry (in several topics like guidelines, register, labelling and definitions, analysis, feed hygiene and food chain safety or non-feed use of additives). FEFANA's chairperson is Dr. Hadden Graham of AB Vista.

#### **About FAMI-QS**

FAMI-QS Asbl is the Feed Additive and Premixture Quality System European Association and was founded in May 2004, also when the first General Assembly took place. FAMI-QS is a non-profit association (Asbl under the Belgian law) and its purpose is to manage and co-ordinate all activities related to the EU Feed Additives and Premixture Quality System – FAMI-QS. The Association is therefore involved in the following tasks: establish, register and maintain the FAMI-QS system; rule the use of the FAMI-QS Code of Practice for Feed Additive and Premixture Operators, a public document from which its content can be freely followed by any feed additive or premixture operator and set up adequate certification systems and co-ordination. The current FAMI-QS President is Mr. Dieter Greissing of Evonik Degussa.

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