

FAMI-QS ENSURES UP-TO-DATE FEED INDUSTRY AUDITING IN SOUTH AMERICA

Sao Paulo -- March 10th, 2012 --- At the 3rd auditor training session on FAMI-QS code's ⁽¹⁾ specific requirements held in Brazil, special emphasis was given to the auditing process like *"assured sources, purchase of raw material, auditing techniques for HACCP ⁽²⁾, cross-contamination and response to a feed safety incident"*.

FAMI-QS carries periodical technical trainings to its approved partners and Certification Bodies worldwide. Its aim is to guarantee an optimum level of knowledge and skills of its auditors and maintain the quality and excellence of the system.

For the last few years, the interest in FAMI-QS certification has considerably increased in non-EU countries. The feed additives and premixtures industry in South America has especially welcomed the FAMI-QS system, considered as a very useful tool to comply with European Regulations when putting their products on the EU market and also to facilitate the world trade of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures. According to the auditors, *"the training is a great opportunity for brushing up on knowledge about FAMI-QS and also fostering a close cooperation with FAMI-QS."*

Due to the big impact that FAMI-QS is currently having and after the success recorded in the two previous training sessions for Brazil, Mr. Emmanuel Geneiatakis (FAMI-QS Quality Manager) and Mrs. Laetitia Cirilli (FAMI-QS Process Manager) gave a three-day training to all Latin American auditors in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This session was organized with the help of Sindirações (the Brazilian Feed Manufacturer Association) and included an overview as well as an update on the FAMI-QS Code of Practice ⁽¹⁾ and its application. This year, the training was part of the FAMI-QS harmonization auditing process at global level.

In 2011, FAMI-QS organized trainings for auditors in the following regions: Brazil, India, USA and China.

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and co-ordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. It is the only certifiable code aimed at specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures for animal nutrition. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize the risk that unsafe specialty feed ingredients enter the food and feed chain. It offers independent certification for all operators placing these products on the market. Based on partnership with international certification bodies and third countries institutional partners, it includes more than 600 certified sites spread across more than 45 countries. The current FAMI-QS President is Dr. Dieter Greissing of *Evonik Industries AG*.

Sindirações and FAMI-QS have a Strategic Agreement for Cooperation. Sindirações is responsible for the collection of FAMI-QS applications in Latin America as well as the support to the companies that have interest in the system. Sindirações was the first organization to be granted as an Approved Training Organization by FAMI-QS.

Pictures of event are available on request.

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Notes

- (1) The FAMI-QS Code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures. It is also the first Community Guide to Good Practice to obtain official recognition from the European Commission as foreseen in the Feed Hygiene Regulation.
- (2) HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points