

## Editorial

Dear reader,

Although the summer break is approaching, the EFIP platform and its members do not put on hold their activities. The three feed safety assurance schemes under the EFIP umbrella have indeed been very active over the last months and the latest developments can be found in this third issue of the EFIP newsletter.

Together with our stakeholders we are in a continuous process to strengthen our certification activities and to anticipate the needs and expectations of EU feed business operators. The proliferation of certification schemes in the agri-business in its generic definition not only triggers the crucial need for EU harmonisation of the respective scheme requirements but also the way these latter are controlled and verified by independent third party. The quality of the third party certification makes the difference. It provides the trust and credibility that the product is safe. It makes the feed marketable at both EU and global levels.

This ongoing reflection and cooperation among the EFIP members aims at ensuring the same level playing field between the companies audited throughout Europe by auditors coming from different Certification Bodies. This encompasses a number of issues ranging from the selection of auditors based on a list of required competences to the successive steps of the certification process within each Certification Body.

The three EFIP schemes will continue their assessment of current practices in this respect in view of determining the areas of improvement for the benefit of Feed Business Operators in Europe and beyond. In the meantime, the EFIP team would like to wish you a nice summer with a good harvest!

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## COCERAL launches new negotiations for mutual recognition

Further to the signing of mutual recognition agreements with AIC (FEMAS, UFAS and TASCC), GMP+ International (GMP+-FSA) and OVOCOM (GMP), COCERAL has recently launched discussions with Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH (QS) in order to formalise and possibly extend the current recognition for pure delivery trade of grains. Contacts have also been sought with Qualimat France in order to get equivalence of the respective modules on transport. Once achieved, this will pave the ground for COCERAL full membership within the « International Committee for Road Transport » or « ICRT » platform.

Moreover, COCERAL intends, after the summer break, to resume talks with GMP+ International and Ovocom with a view to extend at the earliest opportunity the current mutual recognition to oils, meals and fats of vegetable origin which are key products for most of the GTP certified companies. An update on the state of progress will be provided in the coming months on a regular basis.

### Special events

*European Commodities Exchange Edinburgh, UK, 5-6 October 2012*

### Training activities

*GTP Seminar Warsaw, Poland, 4 September 2012*

*FAMI-QS Auditors' training in France, Paris 6 September 2012*

*FAMI-QS Auditors' training in India, Mumbai 9-11 October 2012*

*FAMI-QS Auditors' training in China, Beijing 21-23 November 2012*



**Market withdrawal of certain 'silage additives' by European Commission implementing Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 of 29 May 2012 is now applicable.**

### Why a Series of Market Withdrawal Regulations?

According to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, only additives that have been accepted after going through an authorization procedure may be placed on the market. Applications for re-evaluation of the notified products included in the Register must have been submitted by 8 November 2010.

## Market Withdrawal Regulation (EU) No 451/2012

If the application for re-evaluation has not been received before this specific deadline, the provisions of Article 10 (5) of Regulation (EC) 1831/2003 will apply "...a Regulation shall be adopted [...] requiring the additives concerned to be withdrawn from the market...". Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 is the first one of a series of market withdrawal regulations to be published for various categories of additives for which no application for reauthorization was made.

### Regulation (EU) No 451/2012

On 29 May 2012, the European Commission implemented this Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 regarding the market withdrawal of certain 'silage additives'. This Regulation shall enter into force on 19 June 2012. The feed additives, belonging to the functional group 'silage additives' within the category 'technological additives'\*, specified in the Annex of Regulation (EU) No 451/2012 shall be withdrawn

As such, FAMI-QS Secretariat would like to draw your attention on two major elements:

1. These feed additives, and also if used in the production of premixtures, may continue to be placed on the market until 19 June 2013.
2. Moreover, silage produced with these additives or with premixtures above mentioned may continue to be placed on the market and used until 19 June 2014.

As far as FAMI-QS is concerned, this implies that these additives cannot be maintained under the scope of FAMI-QS certification after the set dates. Nevertheless, it does not prevent to submit applications for granting an authorization for these additives in the future. If any development occurs, FAMI-QS will keep our Partners and Operators informed.

\* The Regulation also includes the withdrawal of « Hexamethylene tetramine » as technological silage additive for all species with the exception of bovines, ovines, pigs, poultry, rabbits, horses, and goats (Annex Part B).

## FAMI-QS: Building Confidence!

**Brussels --- Surveillance Program of FAMI-QS boosts confidence and trust in Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures certification process.**

In order to maintain credibility of assessment results set by Certification Bodies (CBs) and assure a homogenous interpretation and application of FAMI-QS clauses, evidence that these goals are reached must be provided.

An integrity program named 'Surveillance Program for Certification Bodies' has been initiated by FAMI-QS and implemented since 2009. It is designed to build confidence and trust in the certification process among all the interested parties.

The surveillance program intends to assess and improve the partner CBs' work and responsibilities. It is not meant to re-assess the processes of a feed business operator or evaluate the performance of an individual auditor.

FAMI-QS surveillance program consists of two parts:

- **Part 1: Office Audit** - FAMI-QS conducts an assessment at the Certification Body premises to verify the implementation of the FAMI-QS rules
- **Part 2: On-site Audit** - With prior agreement of the Operator, FAMI-QS conducts an assessment of the Certification Body performance during an on-site audit.

The Surveillance Program can also be initiated by FAMI-QS team for investigating an incoming complaint.

The main benefits may be the resulting harmonization and consistency in handling application of the FAMI-QS Code of Practice.

FAMI-QS appreciates the cooperation and understanding of all Certification Bodies and Feed Business Operators that, by accepting the presence of the surveyor during the audit and facilitating his/her performance, are contributing to the homogenous interpretation and application of the Code and Certification Rules and, ultimately, to the rising of the level of feed safety.

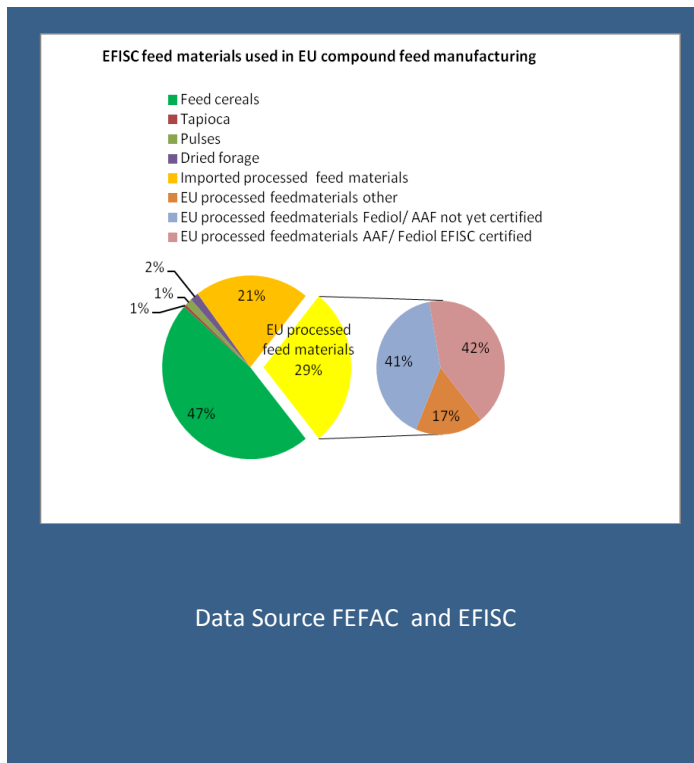


## Over 40 % processed EU single feed materials EFISC certified

EFISC gains momentum and continues to expand. Today over 57 of the major manufacturers all over the European Union have certified their single feed materials in compliance with EFISC manufacturing over 18 million tons of product.

Another 15 manufacturers are in the process of being audited by one of the certification bodies licensed for EFISC. It shows the strong commitment of the manufacturers in the sector to develop and implement best practices in feed safety management, also in areas of Europe where certification is not yet common practice. However with trade in feed materials globalising, the certification of the product, providing trust and credibility, will grow further in importance. Companies of the sector with their shared interest in safe feed and EFISC certification make with EFISC a major contribution to offer a product of excellence to their customers and the consumers.

EFISC is open for other feed material sectors to join and by doing so, contribute to better feed and food safety all over the chain, in the interest of all stakeholders.



## EFIP participation- European Commodity Fair 4-5 October 2012

The Grain and Feed Trade Association (Gafta) will be hosting the 52nd European Commodity Exchange 2012. The European Commodities Exchange is the annual meeting of all parties involved in the agricultural markets worldwide. We would like to invite you to come and visit the EFIP stand at the fair.

GTP, FAMI-QS and EFISC will attend the upcoming Commodity fair in Edinburg, UK. The three feed safety assurance schemes will present themselves together under the EFIP umbrella.

As this event is an important communication platform for businesses involved within this industry it is an excellent opportunity to promote the EFIP activities. The managers of the schemes will team up to provide you with an update on the developments and the whereabouts of the respective system.

We are looking forward to see you at our stand.

For more information <http://www.ece-edinburgh2012.com/>



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