



FAMI-QS CERTIFICATION SYSTEM LAUNCH

In 2016, FAMI-QS carried out the challenging task of fully revising its system, in order to stay abreast of the new developments in our fast evolving industry.

With an experienced and active team of experts, as well as valuable partners in Brazil, China, Europe and the U.S., and thanks to their efforts, we were able to make this revision of the Code, having a robust final document that provides requirements for implementing measures necessary to ensure feed safety and quality of specialty feed ingredients.

Today, FAMI-QS Secretariat is pleased to announce the launch the newly revised FAMI-QS Certification System.

As mentioned in previous publications, this revision was meant to include the latest accreditation, standardization and regulatory requirements, with a clear orientation for managing risks and feed safety hazards, at process level.

THE FAMI-QS CERTIFICATION SYSTEM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS:

- FAMI-QS Code, Version 6 – [link](#)
- FAMI-QS Rules for Certification Bodies, Version 8 – [link](#)
- FAMI-QS Rules for Operators, Version 8 – [link](#)
- FAMI-QS Process Documents (available upon request – revision@fami-qs.org):
 - Bioprocess Document, Version 1
 - Chemical Process Document, Version 1
 - Extraction Process Document, Version 1
 - Formulation Process Document, Version 1
 - Mining Process Document, Version 1
 - Mixing Process Document, Version 1
- FAMI-QS Feed Incident Management Procedure, Version 2 – [link](#)
- FAMI-QS Surveillance Programme, Version 2 – [link](#)



The operational activities of a specialty feed ingredient Operator take place in a complex legal and business environment. Given the revision of the FAMI-QS certification system, the sector of specialty feed ingredients will now have access to a robust and global harmonized solution to:

- achieve **feed safety**;
- gain **market access**.

FAMI-QS SCOPE

The clear management system approach of the FAMI-QS Code is also reflected in the FAMI-QS scope description. The driving force for the rewriting of the FAMI-QS scope was the fact that the same ingredient coming from a certain process, e.g. bioprocess, has a different regulatory interpretation depending on the country of production and destination. This means that the ingredient has a different status depending on the regulatory background of the country. For example: the same ingredient can be a feed additive or a feed ingredient, depending the “regulatory” classification of the products, leading to different hazards risk management being applied.

In FAMI-QS, we focus on the common denominator: the production process. The term “**Specialty Feed Ingredient**” captures precisely our core sector and industry knowledge. The rephrasing of our scope definition for international implementation will not change the range of ingredients eligible to be FAMI-QS certified. Instead, it will classify those ingredients by the process they result from: independently where a specialty feed ingredient will be placed and its status (classified as feed additive or feed ingredient), the common element is the process from which it comes from, e.g. bioprocess.

With this revision, FAMI-QS built a system that ensures:

- **transparency** regarding the chain expectations for the management of the hazards related to feed safety;
- the placing on the market of **safe and legal specialty feed ingredients**.

Safeguarding the regulatory compliance of the specialty feed ingredients with the regulations in the country of production and country of destination is also of high importance. To support further the implementation of the Code Version 6, FAMI-QS created a **Guide for Regulatory Compliance**. This document will be available to our members upon request. All requests must be submitted to revision@fami-qs.org.

In addition to the regulatory landscape, mentioned above, that always has an impact in our scope, also the updated structure of the ISO Directives – related to Management Systems – had its influence on the new scope approach.

SPECIALTY FEED INGREDIENT

any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has nutritional value, which affects the characteristics of feed or animals/ animal products and animal performance.

The scope includes **PRODUCTION** and/ or **TRADE** of single ingredients coming out of the following **PRODUCTION PROCESSES** or their combination:

- **Chemical**
- **Bioprocessing**
- **Mining**
- **Extraction**
- **Refining**
- **Mixing**
- **Formulating**

Specific hazard assessments per process were developed, with the view of providing specific guidelines for managing the hazards associated with each process. The so called **PROCESS DOCUMENTS** will act as an add-on to the FAMI-QS Code. These will be auditable documents established for each process described in Chapter 2 of the FAMI-QS Code. The Process Documents will be available upon request.

TRANSITION

On the 8th of September 2017, the official **transition requirements** to the new system document was published on our website in two languages, English and Chinese ([link](#)). This document outlines the steps that need to be undertaken by Operators and Certification Bodies in order to ensure a smooth transition to the FAMI-QS Certification System linked with the Code version 6.

TRANSITION PERIOD

The transition period will be three (3) years.

FAMI-QS Secretariat will not accept any application under Version 5.1 as from 01 October 2019.

VALIDITY OF THE FAMI-QS CERTIFICATES VERSION 5.1

FAMI-QS Certificates Version 5.1 will no longer be valid after 01 October 2020.

The expiry date of certifications based on FAMI-QS Version 5.1, issued during the transition period, needs to correspond to the end of the three-year transition period on 01 October 2020.

WEBSITE

FAMI-QS website (www.fami-qs.org) was also subject to revision, given we will have the two systems (Code Version 5.1 and Code Version 6) running in parallel for the three years of the transition.

When entering our website, you will have the choice between the two systems, from where you will be directed to the page dedicated to either the revised system or the old one, with all the documents related to each one.



QUESTIONS

All the questions regarding the revised certification system must be submitted to revision@fami-qs.org. FAMI-QS secretariat will collect all the questions and will publish a Q&A Section on the website.

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS is the only global Quality and Feed Safety Management System for the sector of Specialty Feed Ingredients. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize hazards and ensure the placing on the market of safe and legal Specialty Feed Ingredients.

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