

LAUNCH OF THE FAMI-QS MOBILE WEBSITE

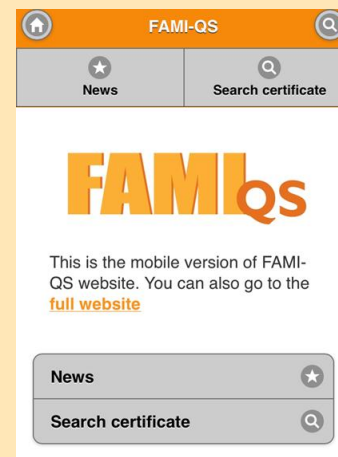
FAMI-QS has launched its mobile website. This mobile version will facilitate your search on mobile devices.

The following two functions are available:

- Search a valid certificate according to a **FAMI-QS** registration number (FAM-XXXX). Soon the function search by name of the company will be added.

- Access to the Notifications on withdrawals, in the News section.

To access the **FAMI-QS** mobile website, please visit: <http://www.fami-qs.org/mobile/>.



THE APPROVAL LETTER

According to the Rules for Operators, following the scope adaptation in 2011, companies are required to request the **FAMI-QS** secretariat to verify their scope via an approval letter, prior to the audit.

An approval letter is required for all the initial certification audits. The information contained in the approval letter shall be confirmed by the auditor on-site.

The approval letter for the initial audit is issued following the submission of the completed **FAMI-QS** application.

Furthermore, an approval letter is required in the following cases:

- a) Scope extension;
- b) New site added on the certificate;
- c) Change of address or of the company name.

In the above-mentioned cases, the "Changes Notification" form must be submitted to **FAMI-QS** using the following e-mail address: apply@fami-qs.org.

The changes notification form can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.fami-qs.org/apply>.

No approval letter is required for the recertification audit, as long as no changes have occurred since the last one was issued. Please take into account the following time frame, for the evaluation of an application and the issue of an approval letter:

- For Feed Additives and Premixtures: 1 day
- For Functional Feed Ingredients: 3 days
- For Specialty Complementary Feed and Specialty Complementary





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Dietetic Feed: 1 month

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Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Inês Santos for further information. We will be happy to assist you. Special attention must

be given to the inclusion of holder specific additives.

If the feed business operator who is seeking **FAMI-QS** certification is not the holder of the authorization, as is defined within the EU feed additive register, it shall submit to **FAMI-QS** proof that it purchases said feed additives, either from the holder of the authorization or from its official distribution network.

A statement from the holder of the authorization must be submitted with the application.

Example of the statement to be provided on the headed paper of the holder of the authorization:

To whom it may concern

DATE

Name of the company holding the authorization

Address of the company holding the authorization

Statement: Commercial agreement (can be adapted)

For the purpose of commercialization or production of TYPE OF FEED ADDITIVES (e.g. premixtures) put on the market by NAME OF THE OPERATOR SEEKING FAMI-QS CERTIFICATION, which includes the NAME OF THE HOLDER SPECIFIC ACTIVE SUBSTANCE, NAME OF THE OPERATOR SEEKING FAMI-QS CERTIFICATION has a commercial agreement (can be adapted) with NAME OF THE COMPANY HOLDING THE AUTHORIZATION.

FAMI-QS GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS:

An updated version of **Annex 3 "Guidance on transportation"** has been published.
Please visit:
<http://www.fami-qs.org/code>.

To get a copy of this document, please contact Mrs. Jasmine Puoti and provide the following details: name, company, position, email and phone contact.

Please note that the guidance documents are only available to **FAMI-QS** members.



The screenshot shows the FAMI-QS website interface. At the top, there is a banner with the FAMI-QS logo and the text "10 years". Below the banner, the main content area is titled "Code" and contains several sections: "Certification System", "Services", "Our Association", and "News". A table titled "Current Version" lists various annexes, with Annex 3 highlighted. An orange arrow points from the text in the first block to the highlighted Annex 3 in the table. The table has the following content:

Annex Number	Description
Annex 1	Guidance on the implementation of HACCP
Annex 2	Guidance on the implementation of a complaint handling system
Annex 3	Guidance on Transportation
Annex 4	Guidance on Homogeneity
Annex 5	Guidance under Carry-Over
Annex 6	Guidance on sampling (under revision)
Annex 7	Guidance on Biological Hazards
Annex 8	Guidance on EU Feed Legislation (under revision)
Annex 9	Replaced by the Feed Safety Incident Management Procedure.
Annex 10	Tables of References of FAMI-QS Requirements with the EU Legislation

NEW FAMI-QS TEAM MEMBER



The **FAMI-QS** Secretariat is pleased to welcome its new **FAMI-QS** Technical Manager, Mrs Inês Santos. Mrs Santos has a biological engineering education, with a background in fermentation processes. Mrs Santos will be responsible for the approval process, incident management and communication.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMI-QS

Team

<p>Technical Manager Inês Santos ines@fami-qs.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application procedure for Operators- Approval Letters- Regulatory Questions [FAMI-QS certification]- Rules for Operators- Communication	<p>Quality Manager Emmanuel Geneiatakis manu@fami-qs.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rules for CBs- Auditors Training/ Approval- Integrity Programme- Accreditation- Missing Certificates from website	<p>Secretary General Didier Jans dja@fefana.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General enquiries to FAMI-QS board- Complaints/ Suggestions for Improvement
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Documentation

<p>Audit Documentation audit@fami-qs.org</p>	<p>Incident notification@fami-qs.org</p>	<p>Changes Notification Form apply@fami-qs.org</p>	<p>General Enquiries info@fami-qs.org</p>
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NEW APPROVED CERTIFICATION BODY

As from 2014-07-30, Kiwa PAI, which is based in the UK, is approved under the Rules for the Certification Bodies Version 7, for the provision of **FAMI-QS** certification services.



THE FAMI-QS INTEGRITY PROGRAMME

With more than 850 certificates spread in 53 countries, third party certification is becoming an important element for the sector of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures.

The "Building Confidence Initiative" was thus launched by **FAMI-QS** in 2012, as a holistic approach for maintaining the high value of the **FAMI-QS** certificate. Our integrity programme, which is called '**Surveillance Programme for Certification Bodies**', is part of the Building Confidence initiative; combined with the Accreditation process, said surveillance

programme reinforces the confidence in the **FAMI-QS** certification.

The Surveillance Programme consists of two main parts:

-Part 1: Office Audit - **FAMI-QS** conducts an assessment, at a given Certification Body's premises, to verify the implementation of the **FAMI-QS** rules.

-Part 2: **FAMI-QS** carries out an assessment of a given Certification Body's performance, during its on-site audit ("audit the auditor" concept).

In 2013, the **FAMI-QS** integrity programme mainly focused on Europe. During its implementation, we performed 15 audits; the

latter included the assessment of the Certification Body in the office, as well as monitoring the auditors' performance on-site.

In 2014, **FAMI-QS** is focusing on implementing its integrity programme in Asia. Ten audits are planned in China and in India.



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UNAUTHORISED CERTIFICATION BODY IN INDIA

It came to our attention that SAG Management Services Pvt. Ltd., a certification body based in India, offers **FAMI-QS** certification services.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that SAG Management Services Pvt. Ltd. is not an authorized certification body for **FAMI-QS**.



CHOLINE CHLORIDE



"Under FAMI-QS, Choline Chloride cannot contain rice as a vegetable carrier."

In April 2014, **FAMI-QS** established a Working Group with the Chinese FBOs involved in Choline Chloride; the objectives were the definition of an Action Plan and the provision of the best possible management options.

Two management options were put forward by the operators:

1. No rice used to be in the preparation of Choline Chloride;
2. Use of rice in the preparation of Choline Chloride but with control management in place.

Following the discussions with the EU authorities, option 1 was clearly privileged. Said option is also preferred by Chinese

producers.

According to this, **FAMI-QS** has released a specific Certification Instruction (the Certification Instruction can be found under the section

<http://www.fami-qs.org/rules CI-14-03>), which requires the immediate implementation of this option: a specific audit to be carried out within 30 days for involved producers and within 60 days for involved traders.

This option might have consequences on the trading agreement with Chinese suppliers, in particular regarding transport aspects; we strongly recommend members to actively support the implementation of this measure.

Under **FAMI-QS**, Choline Chloride cannot contain rice as a vegetable carrier. Any possible trouble with GM rice, in other

additives or in other unauthorized GM vegetable carriers shall be avoided. We thus invite our membership to heighten its attention on:

- The possible presence of rice in the preparations of other additives or premixtures (from China and/or elsewhere): so far, we have very limited information on the possible presence of rice (apparently some natural pigments but nothing can be excluded);
- Vegetable carriers in general;
- Other types of contamination, such as mycotoxins, pesticides, etc.

Furthermore, upon request of the Commission, the EURL has prepared a Technical Note, which provides Standard Operating Procedures for the analysis of rice and of BT63. Said technical note shall be taken into consideration by **FAMI-QS** certified feed business operators.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION CORNER

Feed additives

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 669/2014 of 18 June 2014 concerning the authorisation of calcium D-pantothenate and D-panthenol as feed additives for all animal species ([OJ L 179, 2014-06-19](#))

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 684/2014 of 20 June 2014 concerning the authorisation of canthaxanthin as a feed additive for breeder hens (holder of the authorisation DSM Nutritional products Ltd) ([OJ L 182, 2014-06-21](#))

Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 399/2014 of 22 April 2014 concerning the authorisation of the preparations of *Lactobacillus brevis* DSM 23231, *Lactobacillus brevis* DSMZ 16680, *Lactobacillus plantarum* CECT 4528 and *Lactobacillus fermentum* NCIMB 30169 as feed additives for all animal species ([OJ L 196, 2014-07-03](#))



Import controls

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 718/2014 of 27 June 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin ([OJ L 190, 2014-06-28](#))

MRLs

Commission Regulation (EU) No 703/2014 of 19 June 2014 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acibenzolar-S-methyl, ethoxyquin, flusilazole, isoxaflutole, molinate, propoxycarbazone, pyraflufen-ethyl, quinoclamine and warfarin in or on certain products ([OJ L 186, 2014-06-26](#))

Undesirable substances

Commission Regulation (EU) No 709/2014 of 20 June 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 152/2009 as regards the determination of the levels of dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls ([OJ L 188, 2014-07-27](#))

FEFANA BOOKLET ON ORGANIC ACIDS IN ANIMAL NUTRITION PUBLISHED

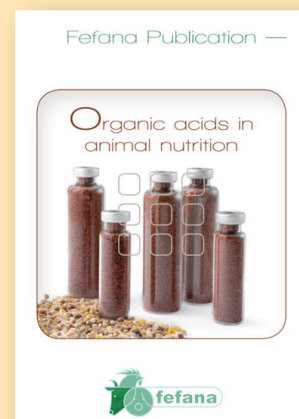
FEFANA is pleased to announce the publication of its Booklet on Organic Acids used in animal nutrition. As the technical experts of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures, **FEFANA** aims at providing technical and scientifically sound information on the benefits and safety of the products of its industry. The organic acids industry is certainly an important part of it. As Didier Jans (**FEFANA** Secretary General) put it: "Organic acids have been used in animal nutrition for several decades and are a key part of ensuring feed preservation and safety." This booklet is the result of the work of the **FEFANA** members of the Working Group Organic Acids, who have shared their state-of-the-art knowledge, and it is

meant for a broad public, from animal nutritionists and farmers to policy makers. In the words of Hans van Dam (Chairman of the **FEFANA** Working Group Organic Acids): "Organic acids and their salts can be envisaged as a multi-faceted diamond, representing many different functions in the feed and for the animal." The booklet describes their functions and market, the different types of manufacturing processes and how they fit into the EU regulatory framework. Potential synergies with other feed ingredients, sustainability aspects and information on safe handling and transport of organic acids are also provided in this booklet. This publication is available also electronically on

FEFANA "Virtual Library" at <http://www.platform-fefana.org/Website/Booklets> together with the [Booklet on Premixtures](#) and other publications.

FEFANA foresees the release of other booklets related to different categories of products in the near future.

Stay tuned!



About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and coordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. It is the only certifiable code specifically aimed at Specialty Feed Ingredients and Their Mixtures (feed additives, functional feed ingredients, premixtures, specialty complementary feed, specialty complementary dietetic feed) 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 850 certified sites spread across more than 52 countries. The current FAMI-QS President is Mrs. Bernadette Okeke, Lallemand.

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