

# The FAMI-QS / GMP+ International Memorandum of Understanding

The experiences

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# History

- First mutual recognition between GMP+ FSA and FAMI-QS in 2006
  - Limited contact and mutual consultation
  - More competitive than cooperative relationship
- Renewal mutual recognition in 2010 (due to transfer GMP+ FSA from PDV to GMP+ International)
- 1 March 2013: Memorandum of Understanding
  - More than ordinary mutual recognition
  - Expression of mutual understanding, trust in each other and willingness to collaborate strategically
  - Respect for each other

# Motivation & Objectives MoU

Motivation: recognition of common vision:

- International focus
- Emphasis of own responsibility of companies
- Drive to provide high standard
- Drive to achieve solid certification
- Emphasis for supervision (integrity)

Conviction that strategic cooperation will be beneficial and in the interest of the involved companies and that collaboration is better than competition

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## Objectives:

- Commitment to EU competition law
- Agreement of WTO on Technical Barriers to trade
- To ensure equivalence for conformity assessment results
- To promote of accreditation activities at both EU and global level
- To open and maintain channels for the interchange of information and knowledge
- To provide technical assistance and support internationally for feed safety

# Motivation & Objectives MoU

Fits in GMP+ International's strategy regarding other certification schemes:

- Mutual recognition / harmonization of key requirements
- Strategic cooperation
- Integration

Goals:

- Unhindered trade between companies
- Same level of feed safety control in feed chain
- Fair level playing field

# Experiences 2013 - 2014

- Support of GMP+ International for application at the European co-operation for Accreditation (ISO 17021 / ISO 22003)
- Initiating and supporting of Feed Schemes Observatory (FSO) project

## Possible issues for 2014>

### Goals of GMP+ International:

- Extension of issues of cooperation
- Orientation on (step-by-step) integration

### Possible issues for 2014>:

- Jointed generic risk assessments
- Further harmonization of normative standard and rules of certification
- Combined certification
- Harmonization of integrity program
- Joint supervision audits of CB's
- Common training, examination and acceptance of auditors
- Joint early warning system



## “I have a dream”

Principles for full integration:

- International approach and focus
- Well-balanced multi-stakeholders’ participation
- Recognition of own responsibility of each company
- Recognition of own responsibility of subsectors
- Recognition of the interests of downstream subsectors / companies
- Recognition of shared responsibility in chain to apply:
  - same tools for assurance
  - same principles for certification & integrity program

## “I have a dream”

Benefits of full integration:

- Unifying of efforts and knowledge: higher effectiveness and more efficiency
- Full harmonization of certification requirements
- Reducing of costs in the management of the scheme



Thank you for your attention

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