

BRUSSELS, 2011-12-21**INFORMATON ON THE FAMI-QS/Q+S SITUATION**

FAMI-QS is in talks with Q+S since February 2011 about the status of assured source of FAMI-QS operators to Q+S operators and in principle they agreed with the terms of our existing scope (feed additives, functional feed ingredients and or their mixtures).

So far Q+S has unilaterally recognised FAMI-QS as an assured source of feed additives. Obviously the time pressure that Q+S imposed on itself did not allow it to conclude the negotiations on the full scope before now.

Assuring feed safety is the fundamental principle and limiting the acceptance to only part of our scope is not in line with this rationale. The FAMI-QS system applies the same diligence for all operators and products.

Any attempt to renegotiate the FAMI-QS scope between code owners is encroaching on competition law and can be construed as organisation of the market.

We have asked Q+S to set up a meeting in a view to conclude on this matter urgently.

In the meantime we strongly recommend that you use your FAMI-QS certificate to demonstrate compliance with feed safety requirements for **all** products. The recognition of the validity of the FAMI-QS certificate for feed additives by Q+S implies that it accepts the feed safety rules and the effectiveness as embodied in the

FAMI-QS Code. There is then no conceivable reason why other type of products covered under the same FAMI-QS rule will not be considered as an assured source.

Please do not hesitate to come back to FAMI-QS for any further information or support.