

October 2007: Second FAMI-QS training session for auditors in Beijing

With the aim of guaranteeing an optimum level of knowledge and skills of its auditors and maintaining the quality and excellence of the system, FAMI-QS provides periodical ongoing technical training to its partners, the Certification Bodies.

Because of the big impact that FAMI-QS is having in China, and after the success of the first training session in Beijing (July 2006), a second traineeship for auditors was organized there at 16 and 17 October 2007. The participants were taught on EU legislation, the FAMI-QS Code of Practice and its implementation. At the end of the two-day session, the auditors were invited to go through an examination in order to evaluate their level of understanding on the subjects. The results were more than satisfactory, and the auditors showed to be well prepared for providing FAMI-QS audit and certification to the Chinese feed additives and premixtures industry.



FAMI-QS and FEFANA also took this opportunity to offer an open session for the industry and particularly to share information on the new legal framework for feed additives and premixtures in the EU. A particular emphasis was put on the process of authorization of feed additives and the need for all operators placing feed additives on the EU market to care for a new authorization by November 2010; a process that is supported by FEFANA through the establishment of authorization consortia. About 80 participants,

auditors and feed industry representatives, attended the event.

The Chinese feed additives and premixtures industry has especially welcomed the FAMI-QS system, as it represents a very useful tool for this market to comply with the European Hygiene Regulations when putting its products in the EU market. With more than 100 members in this country, FAMI-QS is the key for EU importers to make sure their Chinese suppliers comply with the safety and quality requirements established by the FAMI-QS Code and by EU legislation.

FAMI-QS is satisfied with the success of this meeting which allows further implementation and development of the certification system in China, as it increasingly does in other regions of the world, assuring a level playing field for operators in the feed additive and premixture business.