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FAMI-QS recognized as Community Guide to Good Practice

29 Jan 2007: the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health has formally adopted the Community Guide to Good Practice for Feed Additive and Premixture Operators - FAMI-QS. With this action, the competent authorities recognize FAMI-QS as a suitable system to implement the ambitious requirements of the Feed Hygiene Regulation.

The Feed Hygiene Regulation (EC) N° 183/2005, encourages the development of European guides to good practice, an opportunity that FEFANA¹ actively took over since the earliest stages of the process. In advance of the adoption of the text, our industry established in 2004 an integrated safety and quality system – FAMI-QS², open to all feed additives and premixture operators. FAMI-QS included all the requirements of the Regulation, showing concretely the commitment of our industry to an effective and concerted implementation.

With the official adoption of FAMI-QS, a formal link with the Feed Hygiene Regulation has now been established. This means that a feed additive or premixture operator who puts in place the FAMI-QS principles is fulfilling the requirements of this Regulation. Besides the assurance of a fully harmonised implementation throughout the single market, FAMI-QS also expects that this will facilitate the work of the control authorities at a national level. Positive signals are already perceived at this level.

FAMI-QS has been positively assessed by a panel of experts from the Member States together with 2 other EU guides of the feed sector: EFMC (compound feed industry) and FEDIAF Guide (Pet Food). In order to assure a proper degree of transparency, the approval process was concluded by a period of public consultation during which FAMI-QS was posted on the SANCO website. FAMI-QS is also permanently working in close cooperation with stakeholders in the frame of an ongoing process of consultation and complementarities with the chain partners.

This is the first time that sector guides are adopted by Community authorities in the framework of the EU feed & food legislation, which reinforces the success of this recognition and gives a clear signal of the highly effective cooperation between the European Commission services, the National authorities and the feed additives and premixtures industry. The title and references of the FAMI-QS guide will be soon published in the Official Journal (C series) of the EU as well as on the SANCO website.

Both FEFANA and FAMI-QS celebrate this recognition which represents a great step towards consumer's safety under the "from farm to table" approach and regard this event as a very positive experience of co-responsible implementation of the EU legislation.



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