



PRESS RELEASE

New FEFANA/FAMI-QS training session to be held in Beijing in October 2009

Brussels, 25th September 2009 – Due to the big impact that FAMI-QS, the European Feed Additives and preMixtures Quality System, is having in China, and after the success of the first two traineeships in Beijing (in July 2006 and October 2007), a third training session for industry and FAMI-QS auditors will be organized in 27th -28th October 2009.

The 2009 Beijing traineeship for industry and FAMI-QS auditors is to be held at the *China-EU Center for Agricultural Technology* at No. 55, Nongzhan North Road, Chaoyang District on 27th and 28th October 2009. This event is open to any interested Chinese business representatives or feed additive operators as well as FAMI-QS operators.

On the first day, participants will learn more about FAMI-QS, officially recognized by the European Commission as the proper tool to implement the principles established by the Feed Hygiene Regulation (EC) 1831/2003, and its implementation. The new version 5 of the FAMI-QS Code, Guidance and Process Description will be presented during the information session. A particular emphasis will be put on changes and repercussion at the operator's level. Context, characteristics of the Code, latest developments and some practical aspects of its implementation will also be set out. FAMI-QS statistics as well as a question and answer session will be other interesting topics.

At the end of the first training day, all FAMI-QS auditors (and only them) will be invited to go through an examination in order to evaluate their level of understanding on the subjects.

The second FEFANA/FAMI-QS training day will start with an introduction and some explanations about the Feed Additives Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. The three-hour presentation, including some interpreting in local language, will then focus on the process of feed additive authorization 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. A question and answer session will close the second training day.

With over 178 members in China, FAMI-QS remains crucial 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.

For more information on the training to be held in the capital of the People's Republic of China on 27th and 28th October 2009, please contact *HSL Certification Service*, the acknowledged FAMI-QS certification body in China (go to <http://hsl.chinafeed.org.cn> and <http://www.hslcs.org.cn>). If interested, confirm your participation to Mr. Randy Hou at HSL houxy@hslcs.org.cn or Ms Freda Lam at info@fami-qs.org.

About FEFANA

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on October 13th, 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives producers association that was founded in 1963. With more than 100 members from 28 countries, the association is the interface between the feed additives industry and the European Union authorities, including Member States authorities, in order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry (in several topics like guidelines, register, labelling and definitions, analysis, feed hygiene and food chain safety or non-feed use of additives). FEFANA's chairperson is Dr. Frank Chmitelin of Adisseo.

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the Feed Additive and premixture Quality System European Association and was founded in May 2004, also when the first General Assembly took place. FAMI-QS is a nonprofit association (Asbl under Belgian law) and its purpose is to manage and co-ordinate all activities related to the EU Feed Additives and premixture Quality System – FAMI-QS. The Association is therefore involved in the following tasks: establish, register and maintain the FAMI-QS system; rule the use of the FAMI-QS Code of Practice for Feed Additive and Premixture Operators, a public document from which its content can be freely followed by any feed additive or premixture operator and set up adequate certification systems and co-ordination. The current FAMI-QS President is Dr. Manfred Peisker of ADM Specialty Ingredients B.V.