

FAMI-QS ENSURES THE UP TO DATE FEED INDUSTRY AUDITING IN CHINA

Brussels, December 6th, 2011 --- During the 5th training session in China on FAMI-QS code's ⁽¹⁾ specific requirements for auditors, special emphasis was given to the auditing process like *“assured sources, purchase of raw material, auditing techniques for HACCP ⁽²⁾, cross-contamination and response to a crisis”*.

FAMI-QS gives periodical technical trainings to its approved partners and Certification Bodies worldwide. Its aim is to guarantee an optimum level of knowledge and skills of its auditors and to maintain the quality and excellence of the system.

In the last few years, the interest about FAMI-QS certification has considerably increased in non-EU countries. The feed additives and premixtures industry in China has especially welcomed the FAMI-QS system, considered as a very useful tool to comply with European Regulations when putting Chinese products on the EU market but also to facilitate the world trade of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures. According to the auditors' testimony, *“FAMI-QS remains a top-class certification of quality system for China's market with measurable added value for the Chinese certified operators”*.

Due to the big impact that FAMI-QS is having in China, and after the success of 4 previous training sessions, the 5th one was organised for 43 FAMI-QS auditors from certification bodies such as Bureau Veritas Certification, DNV Certification B.V., HSL Certification Service, Lloyd's Register Netherlands B.V. and SGS.

On November 8th and 9th 2011, Mr. Emmanuel Geneiatakis (FAMI-QS Quality Manager) and Mr. Peter Fidder (Trouw Nutrition, FAMI-QS Expert Group Member) gave a 2-day training to Chinese auditors in Beijing, making an overview and an update on the FAMI-QS Code of Practice ⁽¹⁾ and its application. This year, the training was part of the FAMI-QS harmonization auditing process at global level.

In 2011, FAMI-QS organised training for auditors in the following regions: Brazil, India, USA and China.

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and co-ordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. It is the only certifiable code aimed at specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures for animal nutrition. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize the risk that unsafe specialty feed ingredients enter the food and feed chain. It offers independent certification for all operators placing these products on the market. Based on partnership with international certification bodies and third countries institutional partners, it includes more than 600 certified sites spread across more than 45 countries. The current FAMI-QS President is Dr. Dieter Greissing of *Evonik Industries AG*.

Pictures of event are available on request.

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Notes

- (1) The FAMI-QS Code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures. It is also the first Community Guide to Good Practice to obtain official recognition from the European Commission as foreseen in the Feed Hygiene Regulation.
- (2) HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points