



**DEVELOPMENT OF THE
FAMI-QS SCHEME
PROCEDURE**

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1. Introduction

In 2004, the FAMI-QS certification system was launched, with the aim to harmonize safety requirements, within the EU's internal market. Since then, it has grown into a global standard that unifies more than 1000 operators worldwide under FAMI-QS.

FAMI-QS wants to contribute to the continuous improvement of specialty feed ingredients' quality and feed safety aspects. We are thus working to provide a solid, robust and transparent quality and feed safety management system, for the intended part of the animal feed industry, in order to meet our stakeholders' expectations.

The standard or requirements' updates and rules of FAMI-QS scheme are developed based on a structured procedure. This procedure follows a number of steps, in straight cooperation and consultation with our experts, partners and participants. At the end of this process, the standard is established and published as a part of the FAMI-QS scheme.

FAMI-QS adopts a continuous development approach, in which the existing feedback mechanisms will regularly review rules and requirements, in a participatory manner. It is of utmost importance that participants are involved in the scheme's future development.

The purpose of this document is to give a clear overview on the procedure for the development of the FAMI-QS standard.

2. Preliminary stage

The first stage to update the existing FAMI-QS Code is to acknowledge that there is a need to improve certain requirements in order to stay abreast of the new developments in our fast-evolving industry.

A survey of any updates on applicable accreditation standards and ISO developments is firstly carried on. Also, FAMI-QS has an Integrity Programme implemented in its scheme and the results of this Programme are considered for its continuous development. Lastly, and since FAMI-QS is a global scheme, the developments in the regulatory framework of third countries are similarly reflected on our updates.

All of these inputs for development of the standard are stated in the FAMI-QS annual working plan and approved by the Board of Directors.

The revision of the Rules for Certification Bodies and Rules for operators is subject to the changes of accreditation standards (ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/TS 22003) and the inputs of our integrity programme

3. Proposal stage

A first draft (Draft 0) is made by the FAMI-QS staff and revised by the Expert Group and subsequently by the Board of Directors. After this revision, we have Draft 1.

Since FAMI-QS is a global scheme, it is of highest importance ensuring the same level of understanding of the requirements in every country where FAMI-QS is present. Therefore, local working groups can be created under an open call by FAMI-QS in order to assess, at local level, the requirements of the FAMI-QS Code.

The draft coming from the local working groups is again assessed by the Expert Group and the Board. After this revision we have Draft 2.

It might be necessary to prepare successive working drafts until the Expert Group and the Board of Directors are satisfied that the best technical result has been achieved. Ultimate approval of the document results in the Final Draft.

4. Public consultation stage

This Final Draft is published on the FAMI-QS website. FAMI-QS invites every stakeholder, auditor and all other interested persons to give remarks and comments, for a 3 month-period. These comments are discussed during a meeting with the Expert Group and the Board of Directors. The discussion must result in a Final Document to be issued in a defined date.

FAMI-QS Secretariat will provide feedback to the comments submitted.

5. Publication stage

The established version of the standard is publicly available.

6. Review stage

There will be a technical review every 3 year and notify all the relevant parties about the result of this revision.