FAMI-QS Version 6.0

In 2016, FAMI-QS carried out the challenging task of fully revising its system, in order to stay abreast of the new developments in our fast-evolving industry. With an experienced and active team of experts, as well as valuable partners worldwide and thanks to their efforts, we were able to develop a robust certification for the sector of Specialty Feed Ingredients the FAMI-QS Code Version 6.0. The end of the transition period is coming today 2020-10-01 to an end. As from 2020-10-02, the FAMI-QS Version 5.1 list of certified companies will no longer be available and the only valid version of the FAMI-QS Code will be Version 6.0.

FAMI-QS Certified Organisations that are not listed under Version 6.0 are kindly invited to contact their Certification Body for further information about the status of their certification.

New FAMI-QS Certified Feed Organisations Public List

The listing is available at fami-qs.org/certified-companies-6-0.

The new public listing of FAMI-QS Certified Feed Organisations has a new responsive design.

One of the main features of the new listing of FAMI-QS Certified Organisations is that, as of now, in an effort to achieve further transparency in the feed chain, the entire list of ingredients or mixtures covered under the FAMI-QS Certification will be made available to the public.

In addition to the listing of ingredients and mixtures, interested parties can register and receive a real-time notification, informing them of a potential change in the status of a current valid FAMI-QS Certificate.
Parties that subscribe to this list will receive a notification for all certificates currently included therein and there is no option to select a specific organisation. In case of a new entry or an expired certificate, no notification will be generated.

Health Status of the Employees

With the launch of the FAMI-QS Code Version 6.0, Good Manufacturing Practices were introduced among the requirements for the Health Status of the Employees.

§7.10.3. Health status: The FAMI-QS Feed Business Organisations must have a written procedure regarding medical care. Where permitted by law, staff must inform the operator of any condition, disease or illness that may be transmissible through feed

The introduction of this requirement serves a dual purpose. On one side, it provides a level of assurance that diseases will not be transmitted by a sick employee to the specialty feed ingredients while on the other it minimises any potential operation risks that can be brought on by a sick employee. A sick employee could affect the overall performance of the feed safety management system preventing it from achieving its objective which is feed safety. Take as an example, a sick employee preforming a key activity in the facility which needs to be replaced by another colleague who may not be fully familiar with the task. Or, consider the case of a sick employee spreading a disease to other staff members. The latter could expose the entire operation of the facility to risk.

Amidst the current pandemic brought on by COVID-19, the implementation of proper controls of the health status of the employees became even more essential. Therefore, a FAMI-QS Certified Organisation shall be vigilant upon the development of their internal controls in relation to their biosecurity plans.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently published a checklist for the for Food and Feed Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
FAMI-QS Feed Business Organisations are encouraged to seek inspiration from the checklist to develop their own controls.

The checklist can be downloaded through the following link:

https://www.fda.gov/media/141141/download

FAMI-QS is the only feed scheme introducing the Heath Status as a GMP requirement in the sector of specialty feed ingredients.

Purchasing of materials

Third-party certification has not been left unaffected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. This also affects the certification status of the feed supplier.

Within FAMI-QS, suppliers are divided in two groups: assured and non-assured. An assured feed supplier is considered to be any supplier certified against one of the following feed schemes:

- FCA (OVOCOM)
- FAMI-QS
- GMP+ International
- UFAS/FEMAS
- QS Qualität und Sicherheit
- Sindirações Level 2 (only for Brazil)

Each Feed Scheme has its own guidelines for the management of this extraordinary event, which also includes the extension of the certificates’ validity. As confusion could possibly occur with regard to the certification status, FAMI-QS certified organisations are advised to remain in close contact with their assured suppliers in order to always remain up to date on their certification status. Close cooperation between you and your supplier is of vital importance.

Purchasing of materials must be managed in such way that suppliers used have the ability to meet specified feed safety and quality requirements. The compliance of incoming materials with specified purchase requirements must be verified.

We would like to draw your attention that the requirements addressed within the FAMI-QS Code §8.6. Purchased materials apply both to assured and non-assured suppliers.

Note: During an event like the current pandemic, the opportunity for fraud is high. As such, FAMI-QS certified organisations must be remain alert. For further support on fraud-related issues, please consult the FAMI-QS Feed Fraud and Defence module, available at fami-qs.org/feed-fraud-prevention-and-defence-module.
EU Feed Legislation

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1090 of 24 July 2020 concerning the authorisation of L-histidine monohydrochloride monohydrate as a feed additive for all animal species

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1091 of 24 July 2020 concerning the authorisation of L-threonine as a feed additive for all animal species

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1092 of 24 July 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1263/2011 as regards the authorisation of Lactococcus lactis (NCIMB 30160) as a feed additive for all animal species


Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1175 of 7 August 2020 concerning the authorisation of L-cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate produced by fermentation with Escherichia coli KCCM 80180 and Escherichia coli KCCM 80181 as a feed additive for all animal species

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS is a preeminent quality and feed safety management system for the sector of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures. We are the worldwide leading accredited scheme for the feed industry contributing to safe food. Accreditation is an important pillar for the credibility of our scheme. It gives assurance to governments, supply chains and consumers that organisations providing FAMI-QS certification have the required competence and impartiality to do so. FAMI-QS is operating under IAF MLA https://www.iaf.nu/articles/Scopes/16.

The FAMI-QS Certification System proactively responds to the emerging feed-related challenges in our sector. The FAMI-QS Certification Scheme addresses safety, quality and address the challenging topics of integrity (fraud), defence and regulatory compliance. The system is specifically designed for international validity and the FAMI-QS Certification, since its origination in 2004, is endorsed by more than 1400 members across the globe.