



FAMI-QS REVISED CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

This was a year of great developments for FAMI-QS, being the biggest one the launch of the revised Certification System, in the past October. FAMI-QS has two main priorities: improve transparency regarding the chain expectations for the management of the hazards related to feed safety, and ensure the placing on the market of safe and legal specialty feed ingredients – while safeguarding the regulatory compliance of the specialty feed ingredients with the regulations in the country of production and destination.

It is important to reinforce that the **official transition period from version 5.1 to version 6.0 is 3 years**, and FAMI-QS Certificates Version 5.1 will no longer be valid after 1 October 2020. Moreover, the FAMI-QS Secretariat will not accept any applications under Version 5.1 as of 1 October 2019. **The open date for applications to FAMI-QS new version will be announced soon.** For the official transition requirements document, please check our website on <http://www.fami-qs.org/transition-requirement.html>.

One of the main changes covered by this revision was the **alignment of the new structure of the code with the ISO-High Level Structure**. As an industry standard setting organization, we want to ensure that we meet all the ISO requirements which also have an impact on our accreditation. **This will support the further integration of all the certification Management Systems in one Quality Manual**. The fact that we, as a feed safety management system, follow the HLS will further reinforce the integration of all the certifications under one umbrella. This will also allow for a better risk management at the level of the organization. We are therefore not ignoring that if there is a quality issue, then an organization should not see this in an isolated way, only with regards to for example ISO 9001, but it is encouraging the need to ensure that there will be no impact with regards to ISO 22000 or the FAMI-QS system. This can be only done if all the systems are operating under one quality manual. Furthermore, the new structure refines and enables the Operator to undertake an integrated approach and not to address requirements in an isolated manner. Thus all the chapters and requirements are now very closely linked with one another, which allows for a holistic approach towards feed safety. In this context, the requirements of the code have been re-organised.

After the knowledge and experience have been gained internally, we are moving to the next level, through integrating and including local high-level qualified expertise in our integrity programme. In this context, **we partnered with FQSI**. Within this framework, we expect to increase the number of the integrity audits in Asia and to further develop our trainings for the region. In addition, we have also extended the Strategic Agreement of Cooperation with SINDIRAÇÕES to include the implementation of FAMI-QS integrity Audits in Brazil. For other regions, for the time being the integrity audits will be performed by FAMI-QS.

With this revision, and for the first time, we have introduced a requirement for **fraud control** under the §4.6 Quality and Safety Policy, clause e) *include a commitment to take the necessary actions for preventing fraud/ adulteration*. This is a first step towards increasing awareness of this issue. In the future, we intend to work on this issue more in detail, with the view to support our members and support the safety of feed and food along the value chain.

In addition, we dedicated an entire chapter to the Good Manufacturing Practices. The chapter already existed under version 5.1, chapter *Resources Management*, but now we made it much clearer. We also elaborated on the **GMP requirements, in order to be aligned more closely with ISO/TS 2003- Part 6 and FSMA CGMP Animal Food**.

It is not new that FAMI-QS doesn't certify transportation. However, transportation is a process that has a significant impact on feed safety. Therefore, we have incorporated more detailed requirements on what a FAMI-QS certified Operator shall request from their transport company or implement, if they have their own means of transportation. The requirements for transport under §7.11 do not apply in case the FAMI-QS certified Operator uses a transport certified by one of the FAMI-QS recognized standards. The standards recognized by FAMI-QS, for transport, can be checked on our website: <http://www.fami-qs.org/RecognizedStandards>.

HACCP SUPPORT

Not all the hazards can be managed exclusively by the GMP programmes. In FAMI-QS, we fully support the implementation of HACCP. In order to support Operators to ensure even better implementation, we have created dedicated HACCP plans per each process covered under FAMI-QS Certification. These are the so-called **process documents**.

FAMI-QS process documents are available upon request to the current FAMI-QS certified Operators or to those companies that have applied for FAMI-QS and they are in process for certification. The requests for such documents must be sent to revision@fami-qs.org.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Nowadays, feed business operators' operational activities take place in a rather complex legal environment. Specialty feed ingredients must be defined and labelled with clear directions of use, according to the applicable animal feed legislation of the intended market. The regulatory status of the products will be under the responsibility of the Operator. The Operator must ensure that the product is in conformance with all necessary legal requirements including:

- being legally produced in the country of origin and
- meeting the regulatory requirements of the country of destination.

An Operator should follow a proactive approach to actively identify the compliance position and establish processes to ensure the on-going compliance status is maintained. The proactive approach is typically system-based and integrates compliance into everyday business practices.

Management systems provide mechanisms to identify upfront compliance requirements and ensure appropriate controls are in place to positively manage compliance status. They cannot guarantee against a non-compliance occurring, but should ensure that the system in place quickly identifies the non-compliance status and corrects it.

To support our members to develop their own robust and credible regulatory compliance management system, FAMI-QS created the following documents:

- P-MS-004 Guide for Managing Regulatory Compliance System. This document outlines a step approach for building a regulatory system.
- P-INF-001 Markets Regulatory System. Regulatory requirements and some points of attention to place specialty feed ingredients in some markets are provided in this document.

These documents are also available upon request.

The Operator must define a process for the selection, approval and monitoring of suppliers. If a supplier is not FAMI-QS certified or is not certified by any other recognized standard, it is considered a non-assured source. On the contrary, if it is FAMI-QS certified or certified by any other recognized standard, it is considered an assured source.

However, for each supplier, either assured or non-assured, the Operator shall not exclude the requirements of the Code: 8.6.1 (a-g) for version 6.0 and 7.4.1.1 (a-j) for version 5.1.

QUESTIONS

All the questions regarding the revised certification system must be submitted to revision@fami-qs.org. FAMI-QS secretariat will collect all the questions and will publish a Q&A Section on the website.

TRADING ACTIVITY

The Feed Chain Activities covered by FAMI-QS are production and trade. For trading activities there are two possible situations:

I - Place specialty feed ingredients on the market under the name of the trading company;

II - Place specialty feed ingredients on the market under the name of the producer.

For the first situation, the activity is considered production. In this case, the production is considered as an “outsourced” activity. The HACCP Plan shall be available at the level of the trading offices, including all the steps of the production. The auditors shall audit also the production site, in case it is not FAMI-QS certified (or certified by any other recognized scheme).

For the second situation, this is considered as a trading activity. The purchase requirements stated in the Code are applied. Important point of attention: conditions regarding the warehousing and transportation shall be defined. An internal audit of the warehouse shall be available. Auditors may audit the warehouse as well.

Common topics that shall always be checked when auditing traders:

- Traceability
- Regulatory requirements
- Contracts
- Labels (shall be feed and not food/industrial/technical grade)
- Availability of samples
- Certificates of Analysis
- If they sell to EU, ensure their client is register under EU Feed Hygiene Regulation
- Incident Management
- Website – public information
- Licenses of the trader + Feed licenses of suppliers

FAMI-QS HAS ACHIEVED ENDORSEMENT UNDER IAF MLA

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IAF and FAMI-QS MLA AGREEMENT

IAF Members have voted to endorse FAMI-QS certification scheme as a sub-scope of the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA). A formal Agreement between IAF and FAMI-QS was signed by Xiao Jianhua, IAF Chair, and Emmanuel Geneiatakis, FAMI-QS asbl Secretary General, on the 29th October 2017.

The FAMI-QS scheme, which is the first purely feed safety management system scheme to receive IAF MLA recognition, sets voluntary standards for the certification of the field of specialty feed ingredients. Certification bodies operating in the FAMI-QS scheme must be accredited by an IAF MLA accreditation body signatory with a main scope of management system certification.

IAF provides a unique quality infrastructure for managing FAMI-QS accreditation at the global level, allowing a uniform approach and ensuring fair play in the market. The MLA further contributes to the freedom of global trade by eliminating technical barriers.



Figure 1: From left to right: Mr. Xiao Jianhua (CNAS), IAF Chair and Mr. Emmanuel Geneiatakis (FAMI-QS Secretary General).

"IAF is a global network of conformity assessment accreditation bodies, consisting of accreditation bodies and relevant stakeholders, with the aim of facilitating trade, supporting regulators, protecting consumers and the environment, and facilitating sustainable development by operating a worldwide mutual recognition arrangement among accreditation bodies in order that the results issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by IAF members are accepted globally. The IAF MLA enhances the harmonized application of international conformity assessment standards and scheme rules." – Mr. Xiao Jianhua, IAF Chairman

"The FAMI-QS certification is helping our members to secure a high quality, safe and traceable feed supply chain. Most of our members are involved in international business and for them it is of utmost importance that FAMI-QS is recognized globally. Here, the accreditation will support us significantly by bringing the verification process on a higher even level thus providing the confidence that FAMI-QS is one of the most trustful standards. We are very happy and grateful that with IAF recognition authorities worldwide should now recognize FAMI-QS as the gold standard for feed quality systems" – Dr. Stephan Heck, FAMI-QS President

ABOUT IAF

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) is the world association of Conformity Assessment Accreditation Bodies and other bodies interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel and other similar programs of conformity assessment. Its key roles include:

- to maintain and expand the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA), between accreditation body members, with the aim of reducing risk to business and its customers and ensuring that an accredited certificate may be relied upon anywhere in the world;
- to develop and harmonize accreditation practices across the world; and
- to promote accreditation as an effective mechanism for providing confidence in goods and services, which is essential to global trade facilitation.

FEED SAFETY INCIDENT PROCEDURE - REMINDER

We would like to remind our FAMI-QS certified Operators and Certification Bodies about some of their obligations. With our increasing visibility as well as recognition internationally, it is pertinent that our rules and their implementation live up to the required scrutiny and obligations.

Proper assurance of feed safety worldwide is a high priority for FAMIQS as well as for feed business Operators. As we are all aware feed safety continues to gain political and commercial importance and has largely become a sales prerequisite in most feed transactions. Preparing for crisis situations and responding appropriately to them can make a difference and ensure the credibility of FAMI-QS Certification which all certified business Operators support. This may

be because of the Operators' enhanced access to global market via feed safety/quality management certification such as that afforded by FAMIQS.

The current version of the code provides for a "Feed Safety Incident and Crisis Management Procedure". The procedure is also on the FAMI-QS website: <http://www.fami-qs.org/feed-safety-incident-notification-6-0.html>. The procedure requires that:

If the certified Operator becomes aware or has reasons to suspect of a feed safety incident, or if a product has been recalled following such incident, this Operator shall immediately make FAMI-QS and its Certification Body aware of the situation.

The notification shall take place within 24 hours, except when exceeding the maximum permitted levels of undesirable substances as defined within the EC 32/2002. In this case, the notification shall be made within 12 hours.

The procedure also requires that together with the Operator, the Certification Body shall take appropriate steps to assess the situation and shall take suitable action(s) to help contain the incident. The Certification Body shall also inform FAMI-QS about the result of its assessment(s) and further progress as to the decision taken concerning the impact on the Operator's certification(s). And subsequently, during each regular audit, the auditor shall verify whether a feed safety incident had taken place and the measures put in place to address such.

Given recent developments, and from the date of this notification, if the FAMI-QS secretariat learns about an incident involving a FAMI-QS certified Operator indirectly, and not as a result of instructions from the Operator concerned, FAMI-QS may be obliged to trigger the immediate suspension of the FAMI-QS certificate without any further notice and may require that the certification is restored only after a satisfactory result from a special audit in the presence of a FAMI-QS Integrity Auditor.

FUTURE EVENTS

FAMI-QS Supporter of:



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About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS is the only global Quality and Feed Safety Management System for the sector of Specialty Feed Ingredients. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize hazards and ensure the placing on the market of safe and legal Specialty Feed Ingredients. FAMI-QS is operating under IAF MLA.

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