FAMI-QS: from a spin off project to a globally recognised feed safety management system

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The FAMI-QS Association
FAMI-QS Code
Development phases
Maintain a credible certification
Synergy with official control
Mutual recognition
Future ...
The Association
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- Commenced in 2004
- Spin-off project from FEFANA
- Strong roots in EU Feed Hygiene Regulation
- Conformity Assessment Scheme for the Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures
- Facilitates International Trade
- Non-profit
- Made by the industry, for the industry
FAMI-QS in brief

- More than 800 certified Feed Business Operators
- 15 Authorised Certification Bodies
- 183 Approved Auditors
- More than 10 training sessions a year globally
- 15 Integrity Audits / year
- Same requirements for all types of operators anywhere in the world
- EU inspired / state-of-the-art
The FAMI-QS Code
Structure of the Code

Legislation

Pre-Requisite Programs – PRPs

FAMI-QS Code

HACCP

Management Responsibility
FAMI-QS is...not only a GMP Certificate!

Quality and other aspects:
- Legal compliance
- Customer requirements
- Management responsibility
- Feed business operator commitment to safety
- Continues improvement

Safety aspects:
- PRP (GMP) + HACCP + Industry Knowledge

Safety aspects are based on EU Legislation, Local Legislation and CODEX
FAMI-QS development phases
Development of the FAMI-QS Certification

2004 ... : Harmonisation within the EU Single Market

Trade Harmonisation Within Europe
Feed Hygiene Regulation (EC) No 183/2005

Article 20

Development, dissemination and use of guides

1. The Commission shall encourage the development of Community guides to good practice in the feed sector and for the application of HACCP principles in accordance with Article 22.

Article 22

Community guides

Where necessary, Member States shall encourage the development of national guides in accordance with Article 22.

2. The dissemination and use of both national and Community guides shall be encouraged by the competent authorities.

3. Nevertheless, feed business operators may use these guides voluntarily.

6. The titles and references of Community guides prepared in accordance with this Article shall be published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union.
2007: FAMI-QS Guide recognised under FHR

- First-line application 2005
- Important step
- Quickly evident that market needed 3rd party certification
Development of the FAMI-QS Certification

2006 ... : Third country operators access to the EU Market

- Companies certified in 47 countries
- Global network of CBs and auditors
Development of the FAMI-QS Certification

2008 ... : Support to world trade flows
A Credible Certification
Credible Certificate

Harmonization
Connection
Accreditation

Added Value for the certified organisation
EU Accreditation Process

- 2007...2009: Bilateral discussions with national Accreditation Bodies
- Lack of EU perspective / heterogenous situation unfit for an international scheme
- EA (European accreditation) body established through Regulation 765/2008
- FAMI-QS application used as a pilot when EA established its evaluation and acceptance process
- **EA 2/11: The Evaluation and Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Schemes for Inclusion in the EA MLA**
- FAMI-QS evaluation period: September 2009 – February 2012
Conclusions

“This assessment was finalized on February 28, 2012. The Scheme Owner has collaborated in an proactive way improving its scheme. It is the opinion of the Task Force Group that the Conformity assessment scheme in the actual version is suitable for inclusion in the EA MLA”

System accreditation 17021 combined with 22003
DIN EN 15593:2008 Verpackung – Hygienemanagement bei der Herstellung von Lebensmittelverpackungen

FAMI-QS Code of Practice (2009)
European Feed Additives and Premixtures Quality System (FAMI-QS) for the categories:
F Feed production (functional feed ingredients, speciality complementary feed, speciality complementary dietetic feed)
H Distribution (trade)
L (Bio)chemical manufacturing (feed additives, pre mixtures)

Accreditation provided in accordance with ISO /TS 22003

verwendete Abkürzung:
DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.
FAMI-QS Quality and Safety System for Speciality Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures
International Accreditation Forum, Inc. (IAF)

Memorandum of Understanding

Be it known that the

The Quality System for Feed Additives and Premixtures (FAMI-QS)

has been accepted as an

Association Member

of the

International Accreditation Forum, Inc.

(Member since 12 April 2014)

The Member on behalf of which this sheet is signed commits itself to comply with the Objectives of IAF as set out in Section 2 of the IAF MoU, to abide by the obligations set out in Section 4 of the IAF MoU, and to abide by the requirements of the IAF Bylaws.
How competent authorities benefit from Third Party Certification: The synergy between official control and FAMI-QS
Implementation

- Speak the language of the company
- Integrate sector knowledge
- An efficient enforcement / monitoring tool
- Reinforce cooperation between industry and authorities

Administration

- Better use of resources
- Reduce compliance costs for regulatory inspection audits
- Targeted sampling programme
- Control of imports
- Incident response and cooperation

Capacity Building

- Transfer of regulatory knowledge to other regions
- Officers’ training
- Continuous improvement of auditors’ performance
- Continuous improvement of certified companies performance
Third-party certification does not:.....

- Replace the official controls / product sampling
- Product risk Assessment (Risk Assessment is not HACCP)
- Inspection (we are auditing not inspecting)
- Deviate from the regulatory requirements
- Important learnings from accreditation journey
- EA (European Accreditation): “system” accreditation standard (not product standard)
- Final product control is under operator/official control
- Substitute to company quality management and intervene in commercial agreement between companies
Mutual Recognition
Mutual Recognition

- Operators’ freedom to choose
- Schemes are valuable
- Risk of isolation / barriers
- No technical barriers to trade
- International standards and accreditation as a basis
- Trust-based (MoU with GMP+ opens a new path)
- Scheme never a surrogate to proper management ...
Why are many operators choosing FAMI-QS?

- Sector Driven
- Process oriented
- Global perspective
- Feed law based
- Feed Safety
The next 10 years ...

- Quality and safety awareness
- Sharing of experience
- Training and coordination
- Expansion of global presence
- Global support incl. developing countries
- Compatible legal frameworks
- Partnership in the food chain
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