The FAMI-QS / GMP+ International Memorandum of Understanding

The experiences

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History

• First mutual recognition between GMP+ FSA and FAMI-QS in 2006
  – Limited contact and mutual consultation
  – More competitive than cooperative relationship

• Renewal mutual recognition in 2010 (due to transfer GMP+ FSA from PDV to GMP+ International)

• 1 March 2013: Memorandum of Understanding
  – More than ordinary mutual recognition
  – Expression of mutual understanding, trust in each other and willingness to collaborate strategically
  – Respect for each other
Motivation & Objectives MoU

Motivation: recognition of common vision:
• International focus
• Emphasis of own responsibility of companies
• Drive to provide high standard
• Drive to achieve solid certification
• Emphasis for supervision (integrity)

Conviction that strategic cooperation will be beneficial and in the interest of the involved companies and that collaboration is better than competition
Motivation & Objectives MuO

Objectives:
• Commitment to EU competition law
• Agreement of WTO on Technical Barriers to trade
• To ensure equivalence for conformity assessment results
• To promote of accreditation activities at both EU and global level
• To open and maintain channels for the interchange of information and knowledge
• To provide technical assistance and support internationally for feed safety
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Fits in GMP+ International’s strategy regarding other certification schemes:
• Mutual recognition / harmonization of key requirements
• Strategic cooperation
• Integration

Goals:
• Unhindered trade between companies
• Same level of feed safety control in feed chain
• Fair level playing field
Experiences 2013 - 2014

- Support of GMP+ International for application at the European co-operation for Accreditation (ISO 17021 / ISO 22003)

- Initiating and supporting of Feed Schemes Observatory (FSO) project
Possible issues for 2014:

Goals of GMP+ International:
• Extension of issues of cooperation
• Orientation on (step-by-step) integration

Possible issues for 2014:
• Jointed generic risk assessments
• Further harmonization of normative standard and rules of certification
• Combined certification
• Harmonization of integrity program
• Joint supervision audits of CB’s
• Common training, examination and acceptance of auditors
• Joint early warning system
Principles for full integration:

• International approach and focus
• Well-balanced multi-stakeholders’ participation
• Recognition of own responsibility of each company
• Recognition of own responsibility of subsectors
• Recognition of the interests of downstream subsectors / companies
• Recognition of shared responsibility in chain to apply:
  – same tools for assurance
  – same principles for certification & integrity program
Benefits of full integration:

- Unifying of efforts and knowledge: higher effectiveness and more efficiency
- Full harmonization of certification requirements
- Reducing of costs in the management of the scheme
Thank you for your attention