Feed Schemes Observatory
Feed Benchmark Project

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What is the FSO

- Transparency
- Transfer of knowledge of and experience with feed schemes in the feed chain
- International Platform of Cooperation
- Capacity Building / Support Developing Countries
- Cooperation between the feed industry and the feed schemes
Why FSO

Feed safety schemes are becoming an important feature of the global feed chain.

For improving transparency and comparison at all stages within it, representatives of the feed industry have created an international platform of cooperation called the Feed Schemes Observatory (FSO).

Reinforce communication between Food and Feed Sector
FSO Feed Benchmark Project

The first project that will be run under the FSO is the Feed Benchmark Project. This is an exercise of the feed sector.

VISION
The Global Feed Safety Observatory will ensure that the feed sector’s conformity assessment schemes will deliver confidence on the safety of feed, delivered to both food and non-food producing animals, at a global level.

MISSION
To build an independent and impartial global benchmark system, for the conformity assessment schemes operating in the feed sector, which will meet both the requirements of international standards and the global trade rules.
FSO Feed Benchmark Project

• Third Party Certification important feature for the feed sector
  - Gives confidence by ensuring consistent compliance with requirements
  - Reduce liability issues
  - Reduce compliance costs
  - Minimize incidents

• Voluntary ... but often required to gain market access
  Stakeholders selection according to their certification

• Mutual recognition arrangements among the schemes is time consuming

• Feed schemes difficult to compare

• Need for transparency in the feed chain
To create an independent, transparent and impartial benchmark system for the global feed chain

To improve the comparability of the main principles and requirements that concern feed safety assurance schemes

To reduce technical barriers to trade (TBT) in the feed chain

To raise awareness on the importance of auditing and certification, for safety in the feed sector

To transfer knowledge and capacity building

Project Objectives
FSO Scope

Feed Chain Categories

Production
- Feed
- Pet Food
- Feed Biochemicals

Distribution
- Transport
- Storage
- Trade
FSO Project Partners

Associations:
FEFANA - EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures
IFIF - International Feed Industry Federation
Sindirações - Brazilian Feed Industry Association

Feed Schemes:
AIC
FAMI-QS
GMP+ International
GMP (OVOCOM)

Industry:
DSM
Evonik Industries
Nutreco

International Organizations:
International Trade Center- Standards Map

Certification Bodies:
HSL
SGS Netherlands
Deliverables

Phase I

Definitions
Assessment Document
Standardization Process Requirements
Certification Process Description
StandardsMap: Online Comparison Tool

www.standardsmap.org
Process

• Phase I (March 2014)
  – Creation of procedures and feed scheme requirements
  – Public consultation

• Phase II (July 2014)
  – Adjust ITC software to the needs of FSO project
  – Testing tool

• Phase III (December 2014)
  – Benchmarking feed schemes
  – Possibility for feed schemes to adapt to requirements
Project Governance Phase I

- **Project Leader**
  - Reinder Sijtsma
  - Nutreco

- **Transparency/Integrity Committee**
  - Mathieu Lamolle
  - ITC

- **WG Benchmark Document**
  - Dik Wolters
  - GMP+ International

- **WG Conformity Assessment**
  - Manolis Geneiatakis
  - FAMI-QS
Critical Success Factors

• Independent, transparent and impartial benchmarking!

• Expertise
  – International Trade Centre
  – Scheme owners, third party certification bodies, feed industry

• Appropriate, publicly accessible benchmark tool
  – International Trade Centre – StandardsMap

• Stakeholder engagement

• Dedicated to the needs of the feed industry

• Link to the food chain
Concluding remarks

- The “Feed Schemes Observatory - Feed Benchmark Project” aims to create an independent, transparent and impartial benchmark system for the global feed chain.

- Promote the use of the credible third party certification:
  - Accreditation
  - Close link with the regulatory requirements
  - Capacity building

- Not only of interest feed industry chain partners but also for regulators.