FAMI-QS REINFORCES FEED SAFETY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

To: FAMI-QS Certified Companies and Certification Bodies

Brussels, 04 June 2012 --- FAMI-QS announces the launch of a new Feed Safety Incident Management Procedure, which provides Operators and Certification Bodies with information on how to handle important problems and how to coordinate with FAMI-QS.

For FAMI-QS, proper assurance of feed safety worldwide is a high priority. Because feed safety has been a top issue internationally, both at political and commercial level, and because serious incidents in the feed sector can occur, demonstrable assurance of feed safety has become a sales prerequisite.

Preparing for crisis situations and responding to them in an appropriate way is an important part of feed safety in FAMI-QS. For this purpose, a “Feed Safety Incident and Crisis Management Procedure” has been initiated and re-actualised by FAMI-QS.

The speed at which information is exchanged has changed the way companies need to plan for, react to and manage a corporate crisis. In this crisis management procedure, you will find step-by-step discourse on how to fulfill FAMI-QS requirements. Know the difference between being well-known and well-respected because, even in the wake of a crisis, your reputation is all about trust.

To summarize, FAMI-QS would like to emphasize that close cooperation and coordination are needed. The Certified Company must immediately make its Certification Body and the FAMI-QS Crisis Management Team aware of the situation (using the Notification Form D-CM-01.01). The Certification Body must inform the FAMI-QS Crisis Management Team about the result of its assessment and progress.

FAMI-QS Certification Bodies shall inform their FAMI-QS certified clients by sending them the new procedure P-CM-01. Transition policy has been set for 6 months for the implementation of this new procedure (from 2012-06-04 to 2012-12-04).
AVAILABLE on FAMI-QS website:
- Notification Form D-CM-01.01
  http://www.fami-qs.org/documents/2012-05_15_crisis_management_operators_and_cbs_annex1_final.doc

About FAMI-QS

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and co-ordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. It is the only certifiable code specifically aimed at specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures for animal nutrition. The code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance in order to minimize the risk that unsafe specialty feed ingredients enter the food and feed chain. It offers independent certification for all operators placing these products on the market. Based on partnership with international certification bodies and third countries institutional partners, it includes more than 600 certified sites spread across more than 45 countries. The current FAMI-QS President is Dr. Dieter Greissinger of Evonik Industries AG.

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