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### **AFIA, FAMI-QS to Host Awareness in Feed Safety Awareness Program**

**Arlington, Va., August 12, 2012** – The American Feed Industry Association and FAMI-QS the Quality and Safety System for Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures will host the workshop *Awareness in Feed Safety Program: Solutions for the Specialty Feed and Mixture Industry* Sept. 25 - 26, 2012, in Rosemont, Illinois. The program will offer useful information that will immediately impact decision making in day-to-day operations for feed industry stakeholders.

In response to the current state of the feed industry, the task of understanding and keeping up with new regulatory requirements can be challenging. This interactive, comprehensive training covers the regulations of the FAMI-QS program in an easy-to-understand format that will help companies achieve certification. AFIA's International Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program, a third-party-verified program for ingredient facilities, also works under the same rules and scope of FAMI-QS.

The FAMI-QS certification program is benchmarked against European Commission Feed regulations and allows for exporters and importers to gain entry to new international markets with greater ease and success. The two-day workshop will cover topics including feed safety management, the global importance and implementation of FAMI-QS, EU regulations and compliance, and crisis management and audit planning.

Daniel Uthe, Eurofins Food Safety Systems, and Keith Epperson, AFIA, will serve as trainers for the program.

For registration and hotel information, click [here](#).

#### ***About FAMI-QS***

FAMI-QS Asbl is the management and co-ordination center for the FAMI-QS code of practice. FAMI-QS is a pioneer in its field as 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

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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 Greissing of Evonik Industries AG. Visit FAMI-QS at [www.fami-qs.org](http://www.fami-qs.org) for more information.

***About AFIA***

AFIA, based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. Founded in 1909, AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

The feed industry makes a major contribution to food safety, nutrition and the environment, and it plays a critical role in the production of healthy, wholesome meat, milk, fish and eggs and pets. More than 70 percent of the feed in the United States is manufactured by AFIA members.

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