

Launch of FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense Module

In 2018, FAMI-QS carried out the challenging task to incorporate the requirements for Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense under its third-party certification system, by creating an additional **mandatory** add on module for FAMI-QS Certification System Version 6.

The module, available on FAMI-QS website <http://fami-qs.org/code-6-0.html> is **not a stand-alone** document. It is used exclusively in conjunction with the FAMI-QS code Version 6.0. Implementing and adhering to the feed fraud prevention and defense module is **mandatory** for all feed business organizations choosing to get certified against FAMI-QS Version 6.

With the launch of the Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense Module, FAMI-QS certification will offer a robust system, which will further support the safety and integrity of specialty feed ingredients. FAMI-QS certification will cover the following aspects: quality-safety-fraud-defense-compliance.

The goal of Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense module is to ensure that FAMI-QS certified Feed Business Operators will implement an auditable system, that demonstrates their ability to manage and effectively mitigate the risk of feed fraud and terrorism, and comply with § 4.6 Quality and Safety.

The FAMI-QS feed fraud prevention and defense module includes:

- **Requirements:** These are mandatory measures, if operators want to adhere to the feed fraud prevention and defense module.
- **Guidance:** The guidance section, following the requirements, includes background information, additional explanations and methods to support operators in implementing the requirements.
- **Templates:** For the development of FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense system, specific templates were created, that the FAMI-QS certified Feed Business Operators shall use. The use of the FAMI-QS templates is **mandatory**. Templates will be available soon through our new collaboration tool, which will be accessible only to the currently certified FAMI-QS organizations or those organizations that have received their approval letter.

The templates will guide you through the process, to develop your vulnerability and threat assessments and can support integrated management systems of feed and food. Furthermore, with the use of the templates, we will achieve a harmonized approach of auditing at global level.

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Compliance with the FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense Module

As of the **2nd of September 2019**, the official period of compliance to the module starts.

For currently certified FAMI-QS organizations, transitioning from FAMI-QS Version 5.1 to FAMI-QS Version 6.0: a three (3) year compliance period will be granted. FAMI-QS certified organizations can obtain a FAMI-QS Certificate under version 6.0 without the full implementation of the module. Organizations shall present to the auditor a realistic action plan to meet the requirements of the module. **The action plan timelines shall not exceed the three (3) years compliance period.** End of the compliance period will be the 1st of September 2022. Failure to present an action plan will be treated as a major non-conformity.

Audits against the complete FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense module will start after the **1st of September 2020**.

As from the **1st of September 2022**, FAMI-QS certificates under version 6.0 cannot be obtained without the implementation of the complete module.

Multisite organizations operating under centralized FAMI-QS Management System shall ensure that all the sites listed on their centralized certificates are covered by the feed fraud module.

Once the organization will complete the implementation of the FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense Module, the certification body can re-issue the certification with the statement *“The Operator implements measures for feed fraud / feed defense according to the FAMI-QS Feed Fraud Prevention and Defense Module”*

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