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The webinar is coordinated by Eurofins Scientific
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Wed., June 14, 2017

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. EST

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On June 1, the requirements of the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Code will update to Version 7.0. The purpose of the webinar is to review the updated guidance document and requirements for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program.

There is no cost, but registration is limited. Please register [here](#).

What will be covered in the webinar?

- The major changes to the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food guidance document
- The purpose of the new guidance document
- How the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food changes affect you

How will the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food changes impact you?

The updated requirements are listed as the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Guidance Document version 7.0 on the [Safe Feed/Safe Food website](#). The guidance document includes:

- Registration and certification processes
- Implementation processes
- Introduction to the guidance document
- Guidance document for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
- Glossary
- Use of the seal or logo

The requirements of the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification include current good manufacturing practices for animal feed production, as well as the requirements for an

effective animal food safety program. The requirements for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food support a risk-based management system that is documented and implemented by a facility (supplier) of feed or feed-related products to control animal food safety.

What are the major changes to the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food guidance document?

The following are key updates made within the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food guidance document version 7.0:

1. More direct references to the Food Safety Modernization Act animal food rule requirements have been added.
 - After comparing the FSMA animal food rule to the FSC36 guidance document, there seemed to be several gaps. For example, the requirements for current good manufacturing practices (CGMP) (subpart B of the animal food rule) were not specifically identified, although the expectations were generally called out within the various requirements. A clause was added for each CGMP requirement to ensure suppliers incorporate steps, processes or procedures to comply with these FSMA requirements.
 - More text from the animal food rule was incorporated into the guidance document to help ensure FSMA compliance. The requirements for records (subpart F of the animal food rule) were incorporated into clause 2.3 Records. In addition, FSMA requirements for the food safety plan and preventive controls were added to the guidance document.
2. Auditing guidance was removed while implementation guidance was maintained.
 - Within version 6.1, implementation guidance and auditing guidance are provided for each clause. Within version 7.0, the auditing guidance was removed because this has been a point of confusion for auditors, as well as facilities seeking certification. Many auditors and facilities have interpreted this information as the only items relevant to the audit, while the intent was to provide a minimum expectation for compliance. This has led to several non-conformance activities not being reported by auditors or ignored by the suppliers.
 - Auditing guidance will be an individual/stand-alone document. This allows changes or additions as needed to help auditors maintain consistency and improve the quality of audits. This document is being developed and will be launched at a later date.
3. Reference to clauses have been updated.
 - In version 6.0, there were sections with the same number within the document. For example, Section 2.3 is "Auditing Duration Guide" while within the scheme requirements 2.3 is "Document Control (M)". Many companies were confused and questioned the requirements for certification. To help alleviate the confusion, "SF/SF" was added in front of each clause for Safe Feed/Safe Food requirements. Within the text of the document "Safe Feed/Safe Food" is not abbreviated as "SF/SF" to avoid confusion as to the meaning of the acronym. Many people ask whether it is "Safe Food/Safe Feed" or "Safe Feed/Safe Food." It's the latter, as safe feed makes safe food.

What is the purpose of the new guidance document?

The purpose of the new guidance document for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food is to assist facilities with designing, developing, implementing and maintaining a quality and feed safety program that complies with the desired requirements and assist auditors with auditing locations seeking certification for FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food. There are numerous examples provided within the guidance document to assist facilities with preparation for compliance with the requirements. However, it is not a definitive document or applicable in every situation. Suppliers, consultants and auditors are required to understand animal food safety risks (and quality, where applicable) in the feed industry in order to effectively control those risks.

We are excited about the improvements in the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification. The new guidance document and checklist take effect June 1. Please visit the [Safe Feed/Safe Food website](#) for more details or contact [Gary Huddleston](#), AFIA director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs, at (703) 666-8854.

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