



## **SAFE FEED/SAFE FOOD UPDATE**

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### **International Safe Feed/Safe Food Program**

The American Feed Industry Association launched the International Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program in April 2010. The international version of the Safe Feed/Safe Food program complements the successful domestic program that launched in 2004.

AFIA is pleased to make the International Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program available in cooperation with its European counterpart, the Feed Additives and Premixtures Association (FEFANA). Outside of the U.S. the certification is known as FAMI-QS, which is a Quality and Safety System for Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures. AFIA promotes the program in the U.S. as International Safe Feed/Safe Food through its partnership with FEFANA. Thus, FAMI-QS certification is the same as International Safe Feed/Safe Food.

### **FAMI-QS Awareness in Feed Safety Program: Solutions for the Specialty Feed & Mixture Industry**

**Nov. 12-13, 2015 • Des Moines, Iowa**

**Trainers: Henry Turlington, Ph.D., American Feed Industry Association  
Alan Baumfalk, Eurofins Food Safety Systems**

The development of the International Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program was designed to help facilitate U.S. trade with European feed and ingredient customers by providing a tool to illustrate compliance with the European Union's feed hygiene regulation, Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003, which requires compliance with the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system.

If an official responsible for a feed mill or a related facility wishes to pursue an International Safe Feed/Safe Food certification for their plant, they may seek inspection and certification through a recognized certifying body for the program.

"Providing feed mills the means to achieve international certification opens doors to increased trade and new business opportunities," said Henry Turlington, Ph.D., AFIA director of quality and manufacturing regulatory affairs. "The domestic and international Safe Feed/Safe Food certification programs complement each other and build the base for companies wanting to strengthen their commitment to feed safety."

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 183/2005, FEFANA developed a Code of Practice and Guidance of the Code for the program, detailing options for industry compliance with the regulation, which may be found at [www.FAMI-QS.org](http://www.FAMI-QS.org). This regulation sets up hygiene and safety requirements for the entire feed chain including specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures, which are both covered by the FAMI-QS scope.

The following diagram illustrates the FAMI-QS scope:



"FEFANA and AFIA are working together to provide high-quality animal food safety programs for the industry. Our combined efforts make for a truly outstanding international program," said AFIA President and CEO Joel G. Newman. "We are delivering on two promises to our members with this program by providing expert leadership and being a strong voice for the industry."

To learn more about FAMI-QS and International Safe Feed/Safe Food, attend the FAMI-QS Awareness in Feed Safety Program training session in Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12-13.

**FAMI-QS New Structure.** FAMI-QS is currently reviewing and revising the current code and certification system, with the aim to meet the latest standardization and certification developments.

The revision process will include the alignment of the FAMI-QS Code to the new ISO High Level Structure for Management Systems, as well as the alignment of the Rules for Certification Bodies and the Rules for Operators with the latest version of the applicable accreditation standards, ISO 17021 and ISO/TS 22003. The updates will apply to International Safe Feed/Safe Food.

In April 2012, ISO updated many documents and directives. In particular, there is a new annex, Annex SL, which defines the high-level structure, with an identical core text, for all new and revised management system standards (MSS). The revision isn't solely a reorganization of the management system given that it reinforces the process approach and the risk thinking in the implementation of a MSS' structure.

The FAMI-QS Code's alignment with the ISO high-level structure further eliminates conflicts, confusion and misunderstandings, which may arise from different cultural backgrounds, depending on the certified operator's region. The FAMI-QS Code's content will be improved not only to include auditable document

requirements, but will also institute an educational guide for the specialty feed ingredients industry sector.

**Creation of FAMI-QS Working Groups.** In order to manage the review and revision process, AFIA, Eurofins and FAMI-QS will create a regional working group in the U.S. Turlington will serve as chairman and Crista Righi, Eurofins Certification, will serve as co-chair. The goal is to contribute to the continuous improvement of specialty feed ingredients' quality and feed safety aspects. AFIA and partners are working to provide a solid, robust and transparent quality and feed safety management system, for the intended part of the animal feed industry, in order to meet its stakeholders' expectations.

To join a local U.S. working group, contact [Turlington](#) or [Righi](#).

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