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GMP+ Feed Certification scheme



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1 Introduction

1.1 General

The GMP+ Feed Certification scheme was initiated and developed in 1992 by the Dutch feed industry in response to various more or less serious incidents involving contamination in feed materials. Although it started as a national scheme, it has developed to become an international scheme that is managed by GMP+ International in collaboration with various international stakeholders.

Even though the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme originated from a feed safety perspective, in 2013 the first feed responsibility standard has been published. For this purpose, two modules are created: GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance (focussed on feed safety) and GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance (focussed on responsible feed).

GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance is a complete module with standards for the assurance of feed safety in all the links of the feed chain. Demonstrable assurance of feed safety is a 'license to sell' in many countries and markets and participation in the GMP+ FSA module can facilitate this excellently. Based on needs in practice, multiple components have been integrated into the GMP+ FSA standards, such as requirements for a feed safety management system, for application of HACCP principles, to traceability, monitoring, prerequisites programmes, chain approach and the Early Warning System.

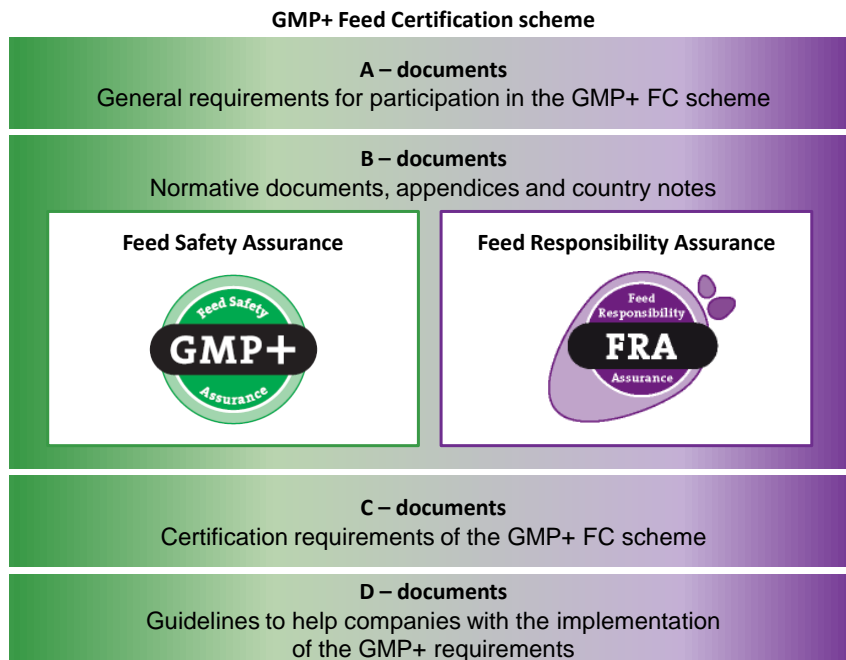
With the development of the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module, GMP+ International is responding to requests from GMP+ participants. The animal feed sector is confronted with requests to operate more responsible. This includes, for example, the sourcing of soy and fishmeal which are produced and traded with respect for humans, animals and the environment. In order to demonstrate responsible production and trade, a company can get certified for the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance. GMP+ International facilitates via independent certification the demands from the market.

Together with the GMP+ partners, GMP+ International transparently lays down clear requirements in the Feed Certification scheme. Certification bodies are able to carry out GMP+ certification independently.

GMP+ International supports the GMP+ participants with useful and practical information by way of a number of guidance documents, databases, newsletters, Q&A lists and seminars.

1.2 Structure of the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme

The documents within the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme are subdivided into a number of series. The next page shows a schematic representation of the content of the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme:



All these documents are available via the website of GMP+ International (www.gmpplus.org).

This document is referred to as GMP+ BA6 *Minimum Requirements for Labelling & Delivery* and is part of the GMP+ FSA module.

2 Requirements

2.1 General

In the GMP+ standards is required that the participant must ensure that the labelling and the delivery of the feeds which he delivers are in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. The applicable legal requirements when selling products for non-food, non-feed applications are to be met as well¹.

In the next paragraphs a number of additional GMP+ requirements regarding labelling or provision of information are given, which much be met, if applicable.

2.2 Declaration requirements for feed and services

General

If a participant places feeds on the market or delivers services (physical transport, storage and transshipment), assured under his GMP+ feed safety management system, then the status of feeds placed on the market or delivered services must always be reported to the customer in writing. This applies in the event of trade/delivery to GMP+ certified customers or customers who are certified in another certification scheme which has been declared to be equivalent to the GMP+ FC scheme (see GMP+ BA10 *Minimum Requirements for Purchasing*), and in the event of delivery to livestock farmers.

Status of feeds placed on the market

One of the statements as laid down in Annex 1 of this appendix must be literally specified in the sales contract, the order confirmation, the invoice, on the label or in some other written form. The positive declaration must be clearly and unambiguously linked to the feed placed on the market.

Status of delivered services: physical transport, storage and transshipment (valid starting from 1-10-2016)

One of the statements as laid down in Annex 1 of this appendix must be literally specified in the contract, the order confirmation, the invoice or in some other written form. The positive declaration must be clearly and unambiguously linked to the delivered service.

Guidance:

The above-mentioned labelling requirements – off course - only apply to GMP+ certified companies. A non-GMP+ certified supplier who trades feeds to a GMP+ certified customer under an accepted gatekeeper protocol is not allowed to label feeds as GMP+ assured.

Guidance

The most frequently asked questions and answers about the positive declaration are published in GMP+ D3.12 FAQ Positive declaration.

¹ Within the EU requirements under REACH and CLP (Classification, Labelling and Packaging) might be applicable.

2.3 Special labelling requirements for oils and fats

In addition to 2.1 and 2.2, the labelling of oils and fat products is to appear on all relevant documents, including contracts, invoice and shipping documents. It is required to use the exact words. There are 3 options

2.3.1 Not to be used in the Food/Feed chain

“Name of Product” and in addition the notice “not to be used in the Food or Feed Chain”.

Contracts must refer to the following: *The goods described under and sold pursuant to this contract of sale are not to be used for “food” or “feed” purposes. The Buyer hereby agrees not to use the goods in any food or feed application, either directly or after any further processing of the goods. In case of resale of the goods, buyer agrees to include this clause in any contract for the sale of all or any of such goods including this obligation.*

Guidance:

This refers to any product that is not suitable for use in food or feed. It might be that other legal requirements about labelling or delivery are applicable when a company (for example: a refinery) decides to dispose of such a product. See also footnote 1.

Note: Although the GMP+ FSA module is focussed on feed safety assurance, this labelling requirement is for non-feed fats & oils. For a company, which assures fats & oils under GMP+ certification, it is an obligation to label the non-feed fats as such.

2.3.2 Further processing required to comply with Food/Feed Law

“Name of Product” and in addition the notice “requires further processing to meet applicable legal and GMP+ requirements”.

Contracts must refer to the following phrase: *The goods described under and sold pursuant to this contract of sale are not “food” or “feed”. The Buyer hereby agrees not to use the goods in any food or feed application, either directly or without further processing of the goods. In case of resale of the goods, buyer agrees to include this clause in any contract for the sale of all or any of such goods including this obligation.*

Guidance

The product can only be used after further processing. With the phrase ‘further processing’ is in particular meant ‘refining’ or ‘fragmentation’. ‘Blending’ is not to be considered as a permitted further processing step.

Next to the above-mentioned requirements, also other legal requirements might be applicable. For instance: In Europe compliance with Reg. (EC) no. 767/2009, appendix VIII, might be necessary.

2.3.3 Feed

“Name of Product” as listed under the applicable legislation and in addition the term “Feed Material”. Refer further to the applicable legislation.



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