

Feed Safety System Certification

GMP+ FSA

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1 GMP+ FSA

1.1 Introduction

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.

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, for traceability, monitoring, prerequisites programs, chain approach and the Early Warning System.

1.2 Benefits

1. A GMP+ certificate is considered to be a license to sell in more and more countries, meaning that being granted GMP+ certificate, the certified company get involved in new sales opportunities.
2. A GMP+ certificate contributes to the continuity of operations; the organization becomes more efficient to design and financial risks and cost involved in mistakes are reduced.
3. The focus on quality management (ISO 9001) and risk control (HACCP) provides a significant improvement in the overall quality policy.
4. The certified company becomes a part of the global operating feed assurance system (the GMP+ certificate is globally accepted by over 80 countries);
5. The certified company can get access to a lot of knowledge and information and various certificates can be combined, both within GMP+ and with other safety schemes.
6. GMP+ certification provides conformity evidence that the product is safe for use in the feed industry;

1.3 Why Cotecna

Swiss group founded in 1974. Extended network of over 100 offices & laboratories in 50 countries. The Group offers the same exacting standards in executing services to both governmental and commercial organizations. Cotecna is one of the world's leading testing, inspection and certification companies. Cotecna Inspection India Pvt Ltd has experienced experts on food & feed safety aspects and experience auditor with multiple competency to provide you one umbrella solution. COTECNA India can help you as below

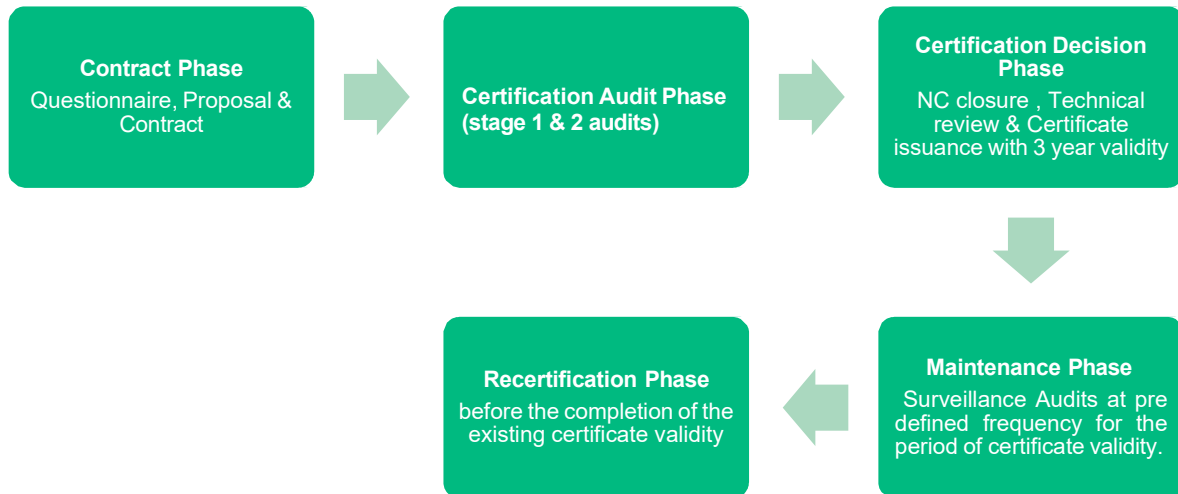
- Provide comprehensive training on all aspects of Food & Feed Safety Standard
- Perform gap-analysis, to help you understand your best route to certification
- Conduct the entire certification process to ensure compliance with food & feed safety standards

1.4 Important Links

<https://www.gmpplus.org/feed-certification-scheme/about-the-scheme/#h1>

<https://www.gmpplus.org/feed-certification-scheme/scheme-documents/fsa-requirements/>

1.5 Certification Process- GMP+ FSA



1.6 Application Process

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1.7 Audit

Opening meeting – Evaluation of the documentation – Site assessment and interviews of employees – Creation of the audit conclusions, Closing meeting

The initial certification audit happens onsite as Stage 1 is done offsite with review of documents and stage 2 is onsite audit to review the company's functionality.

Objective of the onsite audit is done to verify that the system has been designed and developed in accordance with the organization's top management commitment to conform with Scheme requirements. The audit substantiates top management's claim by implementation of the feed safety management system. The activities subject to the proposed certification scopes shall be assessed during the initial certification audit. Follow-up audit (i.e. minimum annual surveillance) is done during the certification period to verify maintenance and continuous improvement will be conducted.

1.8 Non-Conformity

Type	Description	Consequences			Period to close
			ICA/ RCA	SA	
Minor	GMP+ Certified Companies: do not comply with GMP+ requirements, incidental nature and feed safety is not adversely affected.	< 10 non-conformities	Certificate can be issued	Certification can be continued	during next on-site audit
		≥ 10 non-conformities	Certificate cannot be issued	Certification can be continued	within 6 weeks
Major	GMP+ Certified Companies: 1) cannot close previous minor nonconformity within the deadline as agreed with Certification Body; 2) structural non-conformity and feed safety is not adversely affected; 3) do not comply with legislations; 4) do not comply with GMP+ requirements and feed safety may be adversely affected.		Certificate cannot be issued	Certification can be continued but a stricter supervision audit may be performed	within 6 weeks
Critical	GMP+ Certified Companies: 1) cannot close previous major nonconformity within the deadline as agreed with Certification Body; structural non-conformity and feed safety may be adversely affected; 2) do not comply with GMP+ requirements incidental nature and feed safety is adversely affected; 3) under impending prosecution resulting in direct/possible feed safety hazard. 4) reasonably assumed to commit gross negligence, fraudulent actions or economic malpractice and feed safety is/can be adversely affected.	Certificate cannot be issued		Level 1. Certification can be continued but stricter supervision audits must be performed	Within 2 weeks
				Level 2. Certificate must be suspended: maximum 3 months	
				Lifting of level 2: Certificate can be continued only possible if the Certification Body can close the critical non-conformity during stricter supervision audit	

			Level 3. Certificate must be withdrawn at least 1 year excluded from participation in the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme, as well as all Gatekeeper Options	
	GMP+ Certified Companies: 1) do not cooperate in (planning/conducting) audits by Certification Bodies and/or GMP+ International (not applicable for ICA) 2) do not comply with GMP+ requirements structural nature and feed safety is adversely affected		Level 1. Certificate must be suspended: maximum 3 months	
			Lifting of *level 1: Certificate can be continued only possible if the Certification Body can close the critical non-conformity during stricter supervision audit\	
			Level 2. Certificate must be withdrawn at least 1 year excluded from participation in the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme, as well as all Gatekeeper Options	

1.9 Transfer of Certification

Transfer of certification is done when the certification being transferred is in good standing, the certificate is valid and will be valid at the time of audit, all previous audits have been conducted at the appropriate intervals, there are no outstanding Major CARs and the scope remains the same. Copies of these documents shall be submitted with the proposal acceptance for further review and process

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