

Annex 9.1 Feed sector

Recognized standards

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1 Recognition of separately certified quality management systems

Separately certified QM systems may be recognized for chapters 2.4. – 2.8 in the QS audit. In this case it is not necessary to check the chapter 2.4 to 2.8 in the QS audit.

The chapters 2.3 and 2.9 are always checked within the QS scheme audit.

The following QM systems can currently be recognised in the QS audit:

- ISO 9001:2015 ff
- ISO 22000:2018 ff
- FSSC 22000
- IFS
- BRC
- GMP Pharma
- FCA (Ovocom), GMP+ FSA (GMP+ International), UFAS/FEMAS (AIC), pastus+ (AMA), Qualimat Transport, EFISC-GTP Aisbl., Fami-QS, RCNA (Oqualim)

2 Mutual recognitions with other standards

QS has agreed mutual recognitions of audits and/or certificates with several international standard owners of the feed sector. Thereby a dual auditing of companies can be avoided. QS

certified companies have the possibility, based on their QS certification, to deliver in different schemes (and backwards).

The recognition is possible for feed, which is within the current regulatory scope of QS (feed materials, additives, premixes and compound feed for food producing animals). To clarify possible additional requirements companies should get directly in contact with the respective standard owner.

Recognition of audits of other standards by QS

(The following applies for the recognition for the following standards: GMP+ Int., Ovocom, AIC, AMA, Qualimat transport, Fami-QS, Oqualim)

Login with access data on the QS-database (www.qs-plattform.de) via the button "Login". Afterwards: select for the appropriate location under "Recognition by third-party systems" for which third-party systems a recognition is wished (set a checkmark in the database under master data/locations).

For the recognition of small-scale feed material producers and of mobile feed milling and mixing plants by GMP+ and AMA the certification body deposits the request for recognition in the database.

In companies that want to deliver based on their QS audits in another scheme there usually has to be conducted at least an annual QS audit referred to the last conducted QS audit (at intervals of maximal 12 months). Otherwise, the eligibility to deliver in the third-party system expires.

The recognition of the QS audits (or the ability to supply for the third-party system) is implemented by a publication on www.qs-plattform.de.

Recognition of the QS audit by other standard owners

For the recognition of other standards by QS the companies have to be registered in the QS-database. Depending on the agreements between the standard owners the company has to sign a QS scheme agreement. Companies which are certified for feed production have to conduct unannounced audits within their scheme for the QS recognition. Detailed Information regarding to the respective recognition are described below.

Feed producers and traders who supply soybeans/soybean products that fall within the scope of QS-Soy^{plus} (see Annex 4.1 Soybeans/products in the scope of QS-Soy^{plus}) into the QS system must be certified according to a recognised standard for QS-Soy^{plus} and store this information in the QS database.

⇒ Annex 4.3 Recognized systems for the Guideline QS-Soy^{plus} for feed trade and production

Version a) The company is already registered in the QS-database and changes from QS to a recognized standard:

- Login with access data on the QS-database via the button "Login". Afterwards: select for the appropriate location as "Certification scheme" the standard owner according to which it was certified (e.g., GMP+ International or Ovocom). Thereby the registration number, which the company has received through its standard owner, has to be entered mandatory.
- The standard owner confirms the data of the certification (certification validity) to QS in the QS-database.
- The company/location can be found in the scheme participants search under www.qs-plattform.de in the same way as was previously the case.
- Where appropriate a new QS scheme agreement will be sent to the company for the participation in the QS scheme within the certification of another standard.
- In the event of a blocking or withdrawal of the third-party certificate, the QS supply authorisation is also invalidated.

Version b) The company is not yet registered in the QS-database:

- Registration of the company on the QS-database via the button "Initial registration". Afterwards: Select as the certification scheme the standard owner according to which the company has been certified (e.g., certification scheme "GMP+ Int."). Thereby the registration number is to be deposited mandatory, which the company has received through its standard owner.
- The standard owner confirms to QS the authorisation data of certificate (validity period) in the QS-database.
- If relevant, QS issues a scheme agreement for the company. Once the scheme agreements for scheme participation have been signed, the company is published via the scheme participants search under www.qs-plattform.de. The following chapters show which companies are required to be contractually integrated into the QS scheme.
- The eligibility to deliver is confirmed by publication in the QS-database.

Under www.qs-plattform.de under "Support" an instruction for the initial registration is published ("Initial Registration for Feed Companies Certified According to Recognized Standards", "QS-Soy Plus - Manual for depositing information in the QS-Database").

Certification status of suppliers

Within the QS scheme, feed may only be supplied from producers and traders which are eligible to deliver in the QS scheme in the moment of the delivery. Trade of packed products is excluded from this. It can be purchased from traders which are not eligible to deliver in the QS scheme as long as the producer of the feed is eligible to deliver. At the time of delivery, suppliers of soy/soy products must also be able to provide proof of QS-Soy^{plus} delivery authorisation.

QS-certified companies may only commission QS-authorized transport companies and warehouse operators for the transport and storage of bulk feed.

Exceptions of the certification obligation of the supplier are described in the annexes 9.2 Gate-keeping regulation and 9.3 Certification obligation.

Annex 9.2 Gate-keeping regulation

Annex 9.3 Certification obligation for feed companies

Note: All companies, which are eligible to deliver into the QS scheme, are published in the scheme participant search under www.qs-plattform.de.

2.1 Mutual recognitions with GMP+ International (Dutch GMP+ FSA scheme)

Table 1: Scope of mutual recognitions with GMP+ International

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the GMP+ FSA certificate
Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)	"Production of compound feed" and „unannounced audit"
Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)	"Production of feed materials" and „unannounced audit"
Production of premixes (QS production scope 70)	"Production of premixes" and "unannounced audit"
Production of feed additives (QS production scope 700)	"Production of feed additives" and „unannounced audit"
Trade in feed and primary agricultural products (QS scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Trade in feed" • "Trade to livestock farms"
Private Labelling (QS production scope 74)	"Trade in feed"
Storage/transshipment of feed (as a service) (QS production scope 77)	"Storage and transshipment of feed"

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the GMP+ FSA certificate
Road transport of feed (QS production scope 78)	"Road transport of feed"
Affreightment of road transport (QS production scope 79)	"Affreightment of road transport"
Affreightment of inland waterway transport (QS production scope 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Affreightment of short sea shipping" • "Affreightment of inland waterway transport"
Affreightment of sea transport (QS production scope 79)	"Affreightment of sea transport"
Affreightment of rail transport (QS production scope 79)	"Affreightment of rail transport "
Small scale producers of feed materials (QS production scope 73)	"Production of feed materials" and "unannounced audit"
Mobile feed milling and mixing plants (QS production scope 75)	"Production of compound feed" and "unannounced audit"

QS certified producers of compound feed or premixtures, which want to get a GMP+ recognition, have to contact GMP+ directly to get listed in the GMP+ database. GMP+ raises a fee for this. GMP+ certified companies, which want to get a QS-recognition for this scope, have to sign a QS scheme agreement and to pay QS fees. The scheme agreement contains the right to use the QS certification mark.

For QS certified producers of feed materials and additives, traders, private labeller, transport and storage companies, the data are automatically transferred to the GMP+ database if the checkmark is set in the QS-database. For GMP+ certified companies, which want to get a QS recognition for these scopes, the signature of a QS scheme agreement and the payment of QS fees is not necessary, therefore these companies may not use the QS certification mark.

QS certified small-scale producers of feed materials inform their certification body about the wish for recognition for the GMP+ scheme. The certification body enters the wish for recognition in the QS-database by setting a checkmark. By setting a checkmark in the QS-database the data are automatically transferred into the GMP+ database.

QS certified mobile feed milling and mixing plants inform their certification body about the wish for recognition for the GMP+ scheme. The certification body enters the wish for recognition in the QS-database by setting a checkmark. Additionally, they have to contact GMP+ directly to get listed in the GMP+ database. GMP+ raises a fee for this.

2.2 Mutual recognitions with OVOCOM (Belgian FCA scheme)

Table 2: Scope of mutual recognitions with OVOCOM

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the FCA certificate
Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “MP” Compound feed for ruminants: Scope „Productie van plantaardige mengvoeders”
Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)	“GP”, “GPVW” or “VWP”
Production of feed additives (QS production scope 700)	“TP”
Production of feed premixes (QS production scope 70)	“VP”
Private Labelling (QS production scope 74)	“MH”, “VH”, “GH” or “TH”
Trade in feed and agricultural primary products (QS production scope 76)	“MH”, “GH”, “VWH”, “TH” or “VH”
Transport of feed (QS production scope 78 and 79)	“TVWE”, “TVWA”, “TVM” or “TVOR”
Storage of feed (QS production scope 77)	“OO”

For OVOCOM certified companies besides the registration in the QS-database there is a contractual integration into the QS scheme necessary.

2.3 Mutual recognitions with Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC, British UFAS/FEMAS/TASCC scheme)

Table 3: Scope of mutual recognitions with Agricultural Industries Confederation

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the AIC- certificate
Compound feed production (QS production scope 71)	UFAS
Feed material production (QS production scope 72)	FEMAS

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the AIC- certificate
Trade in feed and agricultural primary products (QS production scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFAS • FEMAS • TASCC Merchants
Transport of feed (QS production scope 78 and 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFAS • FEMAS • TASCC Road Haulage
Storage of feed (QS production scope 77)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFAS • FEMAS • TASCC Storage
Production of feed additives (QS production scope 700)	FEMAS
Production of premixes (QS production scope 70)	UFAS

For AIC certified companies besides the registration in the QS-database a contractual integration into the QS scheme is necessary.

2.4 Mutual recognitions with AMA Agrarmarkt Austria Marketing GmbH (Austrian Pastus+ scheme)

Table 4: Scope of mutual recognitions with AMA Agrarmarkt Austria Marketing GmbH

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the pastus+ certificate
Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)	activity MH
Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)	activity EH
Trade in feed (QS production scope 76)	activity HA
Storage in feed (QS production scope 77)	activity LA/UM
Road transport of feed (QS production scope 78)	activity TR-Straße

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the pastus+ certificate
Mobile feed milling and mixing plants (QS production scope 75)	activity fMMA
QS inspection for small-scale feed material producer (Feed material production, QS production scope 73)	activity EH
Private Labelling (QS production scope 74)	activity PL

Note: In pastus+ certified mobile feed milling and mixing plants which want to have a recognition for QS there may not be produced compound feed with and without medicated feed in parallel. If a pastus+ certified plant operator sells fats and oils, which he brings to the client and mixes in, he also has to be certified for the trade of feed.

The registration in the QS-database of small-scale feed material producers and mobile feed milling and mixing plants needs to be done by AMA Marketing.

Additionally, a contractual integration of the company with the standard owner (QS or AMA) and possibly the payment of scheme fees is necessary.

If the QS scheme has special requirements for feed monitoring (e.g., an ad-hoc monitoring plan) for which there is no equivalent provision in the pastus+ requirements, these special requirements must also be met by pastus+ certified companies if they want to deliver to the QS scheme. Test data and analysis results must then be stored in the QS-database. The same applies to QS certified companies who want to deliver into the pastus+ scheme if there are special requirements for feed monitoring in the pastus+ scheme. In both cases, QS will inform the companies accordingly.

2.5 Mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP Aisbl. (European Feed and Food Ingredient Safety Certification Aisbl, EFISC- and GTP-Code)

QS certified companies which are certified for one of the following activities can deliver to EFISC-GTP certified companies without additional audit:

- Feed materials production (QS production scope 72 and 73)
- Trade (QS production scope 76)
- Storage and transshipment (QS production scope 77)
- Transport (QS production scope 78 and 79)

For deliveries to EFISC-GTP certified companies the client has to be provided with the QS certificate. If there are special requirements for feed monitoring in the EFISC-GTP scheme (e.g., an ad-hoc monitoring plan) for which there is no equivalent provision in the QS requirements, then the ad-hoc monitoring plan must also be adhered to by QS certified companies. In this event, QS will notify the companies accordingly.

EFISC-GTP certified companies which are certified for recognised activities according to table 5 can deliver into the QS scheme without an additional audit. For this purpose, the company must register in the QS-database and select EFISC-GTP as the certification scheme. Additionally a contractual integration into the QS scheme is necessary for feed material producers.

Table 5: Scope of mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP Aisbl.

Activity	EFISC-GTP-certificate
Production of feed materials within the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • processing of oilseeds • production of starch • production of biodiesel (exclusively the products Glycerine and Glycerine, crude) • production of malt Only feed materials of the mentioned sectors that are listed on the QS-list of feed materials (Annex 9.5 of the Guideline Feed Sector) are covered by the recognition.	Scope D
Trade in feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products)	Scope F
Storage of feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products)	Scope G
Road transport of feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products)	Scope G

If there are special requirements for feed monitoring in the QS scheme (e.g., an ad-hoc monitoring plan) for which there is no equivalent provision in the EFISC-GTP requirements, then these special requirements must also be met by EFISC-GTP-certified businesses if they want to deliver into the QS scheme. In this event, QS will notify the companies accordingly. EFISC-GTP certified companies must also implement the QS rules on positive release sampling (see Guideline Feed Monitoring) and comply with the QS exclusion list (see Guideline Feed Sector, Annex 9.4).

2.6 Mutual Recognition with Fami-QS

QS certified companies which are certified for one of the following production scopes can deliver to Fami-QS-certified companies without additional audit:

- Production of feed additives (QS productions cope 700)
- Production of premixtures (QS production scope 70)
- Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)
- Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)
- Trade (QS production scope 76)
- Transport (QS production scope 78 and 79)

For this purpose, the recognition request must be entered in the QS-database.

Table 6: Scope of mutual recognition with Fami-QS

Activity/production scope QS	Fami-QS certificate
Production of feed additives (QS-production scope 700)	according to Fami-QS-scope
Production of premixes (QS production scope 70)	
Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)	
Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)	
Trade in feed (QS production scope 76)	

Fami-QS certified companies can deliver into the QS scheme without additional audit. Therefore, a registration of the companies in the QS-database as well as a contractual integration into the QS scheme and paying scheme fees is necessary. The companies register themselves in the QS-database. Fami-QS deposits the produced feed as product range in the QS-database.

If the QS scheme has special requirements for feed monitoring (e.g., an ad-hoc monitoring plan) for which there is no equivalent provision in the Fami-QS requirements, these special requirements must also be met by Fami-QS certified companies if they want to deliver to the QS scheme. The same applies to QS certified companies who want to deliver into the Fami-QS scheme if there are special requirements for feed monitoring in the Fami-QS scheme.

2.7 Mutual Recognition with Oqualim (French RCNA-Standard)

Table 7: Scope of recognition of Oqualim

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of Oqualim-certificate (RCNA International)/Qualimat-certificate
Production of compound feed (QS production scope 71)	Production of compound feed
Production of premixes (QS production scope 70)	Production of premixes
Trade in compound feed (QS production scope 76, only possible in combination with 70 or 71)	Trade in compound feed (only possible in combination with production)

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of Oqualim-certificate (RCNA International)/Qualimat-certificate
Trade in premixes (QS production scope 76, only possible in combination with 70 or 71)	Trade in premixes (only possible in combination with production)
Production of feed materials (QS production scope 72)	
Trade in feed materials (QS production scope 76, only possible in combination with 70 or 71)	
Private Labelling for compound feed and premixes (QS production scope 74)	
Road transport of feed (QS production scope 78)	Qualimat transport

QS certified companies, that are certified for one of the mentioned production scopes, can deliver to the Oqualim scheme without additional audit. For this purpose, the recognition request must be entered in the QS-database.

Oqualim certified companies can deliver to the QS scheme without additional audit. Therefore, a registration of the companies in the QS-database is necessary. As certification scheme Oqualim resp. Qualimat has to be chosen. Additionally a contractual integration into the QS scheme is necessary for the companies.

If the QS scheme has special requirements for feed monitoring (e.g., an ad-hoc monitoring plan) for which there is no equivalent provision in the Oqualim requirements, these special requirements must also be met by Oqualim certified companies if they want to deliver to the QS scheme. The same applies to QS certified companies who want to deliver into the Oqualim scheme if there are special requirements for feed monitoring in the Oqualim scheme.

3 Recognitions with further standards

3.1 Recognition by QM-milk

Feed producers and traders (incl. Private Labeller) with QS delivery eligibility can deliver compound feed and feed materials to dairy farmers that work in compliance with the requirements of QM milk. For this purpose, the business in question must log onto the QS-database and put a tick in the field "Participation QM Milk" in the location data. The businesses then appear in the public search as "QS-certified companies participating in QM Milch".

GMP+ certified companies recognised by QS are automatically listed in the public scheme participant search as 'QS companies with participation in QM-Milch', provided they are certified according to the 'Country-Note QM-Milch'.

3.2 Recognition by KAT – Verein für kontrollierte alternative Tierhaltungsformen e.V.

KAT requirements based on their QS approval. For this purpose, they must log into the QS-database and tick "Participation in KAT" in the location data. In addition, a contract must be

concluded with KAT e.V. After conclusion of the contract with KAT and assent to the declaration of consent in the QS-database, the locations then appear in the scheme participant search as “QS companies participating in KAT”.

3.3 Recognition of the CSA-GTP certification scheme until 31.12.2028 (French CSA-GTP Standard)

Table 8: Scope of recognition of CSA-GTP

Activity/production scope	CSA-GTP Certificate
French collectors for trade with French cereals, oilseeds and legumes (unprocessed agricultural products)	The respective area of activity must be noted on the CSA-GTP certificate. Transport, storage and transshipment are only recognised in combination with trade certification.
Transport, storage and transshipment of French cereals, oilseeds and legumes (unprocessed agricultural products)	

CSA-GTP-certified French collectors do not need to register in the QS-database. Presentation of a valid certificate is sufficient. For soy and soy products that fall within the scope of the Guideline QS-Soy^{plus} (see Annex 4.1 Soybeans/products in the scope of QS-Soy^{plus}), additional certification of the products in accordance with Annex 4.2 (Recognised standards for the soybean production) and the collector in accordance with Annex 4.3 (Recognised systems for the Guideline QS-Soy^{plus} for feed trade and production) is also required.

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Criteria/Requirement	Changes	Date of change
2.1 Mutual recognitions with GMP+ International	New: Adaption of the recognitions for road transport as well as affreightment of road transport	02.02.2026
2.5 Mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP	Clarification: Clear designation of the EFISC-GTP-Scopes	02.02.2026
3 Recognitions with further standards	New: Amendment of the recognition for the standard CSA-GTP	02.01.2026
2 Mutual recognitions with other standards	<p>Clarification: Deliveries of soybeans/soybean products to the QS system must be certified according to a recognised standard for QS Soyplus, and this information must be stored in the QS database.</p> <p>Clarification: When purchasing packaged goods from a trader, the trader does not need to be QS-certified, provided that the producer of the feed is QS-certified.</p>	01.01.2026
2.1 Mutual recognitions with GMP+ International	New: Amendment of the QS scope "Affreightment of road transport" as recognized standard	01.01.2026
2.5 Mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP	New: Amendment of "Road transport of feed materials of plant origin" as recognized scope	01.01.2026
2.5 Mutual recognition with Qualimat Transport	Change: Deletion of the chapter as the standard "Qualimat transport" belongs to the organisation Oqualim due to merger	01.01.2026
2.7 Mutual recognition with Oqualim	New: Amendment of the standard "Qualimat transport"	01.01.2026