



Annex 9.1 Recognized standards

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 et seqq.
- ISO 22000:2005, ISO 22000:2018 et seqq.
- FSSC 22000
- IFS
- BRC
- FCA (Ovocom), GMP+ FSA (GMP+ International), UFAS/FEMAS (AIC), Pastus+ (AMA), Qualimat Transport, EFISC-GTP Aisbl., Fami-QS

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 systems (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 cattle, pigs, broiler poultry, laying hens and poultry for multiplying). To clarify possible additional requirements companies should get directly in contact with the respective standard owner.

Recognition of the QS-audit by other standard owners

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

Login with access data on the QS-database via the button "[database login](#)". Afterwards: select for the appropriate location under "Recognition in third-party system" 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 on the basis of their QS audits in another system 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 audits of other standards by QS

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.



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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 "database login". Afterwards: select for the appropriate location as "Certification system" 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 system the standard owner according to which the company has been certified (e.g. certification system "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.
- QS issues a scheme agreement for the company¹. 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 eligibility to deliver is confirmed by publication in the QS-database.

¹ GMP+FSA-certified traders, feed material and additives producers, transport and storage companies do not receive a QS scheme agreement.

On the website www.q-s.de under "support" an instruction for the initial registration is published ("Initial Registration for Feed Companies Certified According to Recognized Standards").

Certification status of suppliers

Feed, which shall be traded in the QS scheme, may only be supplied from producers, traders as well as transport and storage companies which are eligible to deliver in the QS scheme in the moment of the delivery. When supplying feed as packed good from a trader, which is not eligible to deliver, the producer of the feed must be eligible to deliver into the QS scheme.

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.



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2.1 Mutual recognitions with GMP+ International (Dutch GMP+ FC-System)



Table 1: Scope of mutual recognitions with GMP+ International

Activity/production scope QS	Standard and scope of the GMP+ certificate
Production of compound feed ¹ (QS scope 71 and 701)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1 "Production of compound feed" ■ Scope „unannounced Audit"
Production of feed materials ² (QS scope 72 and 702)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B2 "Production of feed materials" ■ Scope „unannounced Audit"
Production of premixes ¹ (QS scope 70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1 "Production of premixes" ■ Scope "unannounced Audit"
Production of feed additives ² (QS scope 700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B2 "Production of feed additives" ■ Scope "unannounced Audit"
Trade with feed and primary agricultural products ² (QS scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B3.2, B3 "Trade with feed"
Private Labelling ² (QS scope 74)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B3.2, B3 "Trade with feed"
Storage/transshipment of feed (as a service) ² (QS scope 77)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B3 "Storage/transshipment"
Road transport of feed ² (QS scope 78)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B4 "Road transport", "Affreightment for road transport"
Inland waterway transport ² (QS scope 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B4 "Affreightment of Short Sea Shipping and Inland Waterway Transport"
Sea Transport ² (QS scope 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B4 "Sea Transport Affreightment"
Rail Transport ² (QS scope 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B4 "Rail Transport Affreightment"
Small scale producers of feed materials (QS scope 73 and 703)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1, GMP+ B2 "Production of feed materials" ■ Scope "unannounced Audit"
Mobile feed milling and mixing plants (QS scope 75)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GMP+ B1 "Production of compound feed" ■ Scope „unannounced Audits"

¹ 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.

² 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.



³ 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.

⁴ 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-System)



Table 2: Scope of mutual recognitions with OVOCOM

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the Ovocom- certificate
Production of compound feed (QS scope 71 and 701)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "MP" ■ Compound feed for ruminants: Scope „Productie van plantaardige mengvoeders"
Production of feed materials (QS scope 72 and 702)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "GP", "GPVW" or "VWP"
Production of feed additives (QS scope 700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "TP"
Production of feed premixes (QS scope 70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "VP"
Private Labelling (QS scope 74)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "MH", "VH", "GH" or "TH"
Trade with feed and agricultural primary products (QS scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "MH", "GH", "VWH", "TH" or "VH"
Transport of feed (QS scope 78 and 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "TVWE", "TVWA", "TVM" or "TVOR"
Storage of feed (QS scope 77)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FCA "OO"

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

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



Table 3: Scope of mutual recognitions with Agricultural Industries Confederation

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the AIC- certificate
Compound feed production (QS scope 71 and 701)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UFAS
Feed material production (QS scope 72 and 702)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FEMAS
Trade with feed and agricultural primary products (QS scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UFAS ■ FEMAS ■ TASCC Merchants
Transport of feed (QS scope 78 and 79)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UFAS ■ FEMAS ■ TASCC Road Haulage



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Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the AIC- certificate
Storage of feed (QS scope 77)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UFAS ■ FEMAS ■ TASSC Storage
Production of feed additives (QS scope 700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FEMAS
Production of premixes (QS scope 70)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UFAS

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

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



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

Activity/production scope QS	Scope of the AMA-certificate
Production of compound feed (QS scope 71 and 701)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity MH
Production of feed materials (QS scope 72 and 702)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity EH
Trade of feed (QS scope 76)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity HA
Storage of feed (QS scope 77)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity LA/UM
Road transport (QS scope 78)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity TR-Straße
Mobile feed milling and mixing plants ^{1, 2} (QS scope 75)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity fMMA
QS- small scale feed material producer ² (feed material production, QS scope 73, 703)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity EH
Private Labelling (QS scope 74)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pastus+, activity PL

¹ Note: In Pastus+-certified 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 has additionally be certified for the trade of feed.

² the registration in the QS database need 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 system fees is necessary.

If the QS system 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 Qualimat (French Qualimat Transport System)



Table 5: Scope of mutual recognition with Qualimat Transport

Activity/production scope QS	Qualimat-certificate
Transport of feed (QS scope 78)	■ Qualimat Transport

For Qualimat-certified companies a contractual integration with QS is necessary.

2.6 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 scope 72, 702 and 73)
- trade (QS scope 76)
- storage and transshipment (QS scope 77)
- transport (QS 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.

Table 6: Scope of mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP Aisbl.

Activity	EFISC-certificate
Production of feed materials of the oilseed, starch and biodiesel sector	■ EFISC
Trade in feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products) Storage of feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products) Transport of feed materials of plant origin (including primary agricultural products, only in connection with trade and/or storage, pure transport activities cannot be recognised)	■ GTP

EFISC-GTP certified companies which produce feed material of the oilseed, starch or biodiesel sector as well as trade or store feeds 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. They also have to sign a contractual agreement with QS. For the biodiesel sector the recognition for the feed materials Glycerine and Glycerine, crude is valid. The following feed materials are covered by the recognition for the oilseed and starch sector:

Oilseed crushing and vegetable oil refining	Starch industry
■ Linseed expeller	■ Maize screenings
■ Linseed meal	■ Maize Fibre
■ Linseed expeller feed	■ Maize gluten
■ Linseed meal feed	■ Maize gluten feed
■ Linseed meal feed stocks	■ Maize germ

Oilseed crushing and vegetable oil refining	Starch industry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sesame seed expeller ■ Maize germ meal ■ Rape seed expeller ■ Rape seed meal ■ Rape seed, extruded ■ Rape seed protein concentrate ■ Rape seed expeller feed ■ Rape seed meal feed ■ Rape seed meal feed stocks ■ Rape seed meal feed socks, dehulled ■ Toasted soya beans ■ Soya bean expeller ■ Soya (bean) meal ■ Soya (bean) meal, dehulled ■ Soya (bean) hulls ■ Soya beans, extruded ■ Soybean, flakes ■ Soya bean meal feed ■ Soya bean meal feed, dehulled ■ Soya bean meal feed stocks ■ Soya bean meal feed stocks, dehulled ■ Sunflower seed expeller ■ Sunflower seed meal ■ Sunflower seed meal, dehulled ■ Sunflower seed meal feed stocks ■ Sunflower seed meal feed stocks, dehulled ■ Sunflower seed hulls ■ Sunflower feed meal, dehulled ■ Crude lecithins ■ Poppy meal ■ Vegetable oil and fat (The name shall be supplemented by the plant species.) ■ Acid oils from chemical refining (The name shall be supplemented by the indication of the botanical or animal origin.) ■ Soapstock from chemical refining ■ Deodestillates from chemical refining (only with dioxin analysis, traceable, showing that this product complies with the legal limits set in Annex II to Regulation 183/2005 ■ Fatty acid distillates from physical refining ■ Pure distilled fatty acids from splitting ■ Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids esterified with organic acids (The name shall be amended or supplemented to specify the fatty acids used. / The name shall be amended or supplemented to specify the organic acid.) ■ Glycerine, crude ■ Glycerine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maize germ expeller ■ Crude maize germ oil ■ Maize germ meal ■ Maize steep liquer ■ Maize grits ■ Wheat, pre -gelatinised ■ Wheat Feed ■ Wheat bran ■ Wheat fibre ■ Wheat germ ■ Wheat protein ■ Wheat gluten feed ■ Vital wheat gluten ■ Liquid wheat starch ■ Wheat starch containing protein, partially de-sugared ■ Wheat soluble ■ Wheat yeast concentrate ■ Cereal grains screenings ■ Starch hydrolysates cake ■ Concentrated Distillers Solubles ■ Potato pulp ■ Potato pulp, dried ■ Potato protein ■ Potato protein hydrolysed ■ Potato juice, concentrated ■ Pea bran ■ Pea flour ■ Pea hulls ■ Peas, dehulled ■ Pea screenings ■ Pea protein ■ Pea pulp ■ Pea solubles ■ Pea fibre ■ Manioc, dried, starch ■ Starch mixture ■ Dextrose ■ Glucose syrup ■ Starch ■ Starch, pre-gelatinized ■ Dextrin ■ Maltodextrin ■ Vinasses ■ Isomalt ■ Glucose molasses ■ Fructose ■ Polyols ■ Mannitol ■ Xylitol ■ Sorbitol

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).

2.7 Mutual Recognitions 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 materials (QS production scope 72,702)
- Production of feed additives (QS productions cope 700)
- Production of premixtures (QS production scope 70)
- 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 7: Scope of mutual recognition with Fami-QS

Activity	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, 702)	
Production of specialty compound feed (production scope 701)	
Trade with 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 agreement with QS as well as paying QS-fees is necessary. The companies register themselves in the QS-database. Fami-QS deposits the produced/traded feed as product range in the QS-database.

If the QS system 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.

3 Recognition of other standards

3.1 Recognition of QM-milk



Feed producers and traders with QS delivery eligibility can deliver 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". Excluded from this regulation are GMP+ certified and QS recognized companies which have the GMP+ „Country-Note QM-Milk“. These companies will automatically be listed as "QS-certified companies participating in QM-Milch" without putting a tick.



3.2 Temporary recognition of Oqualim until 31st December 2021 (French RCNA-Standard)



Table 8: Scope of recognition of Oqualim

Activity	Scope of Oqualim-certificate
Production of compound feed (QS scopes 71 and 701)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCNA International: Manufacturing, distribution and placing on the market of compound feed and premixes in combination with OQUALIM annex 1 "Purchase requirements for goods and services".
Production of feed premixes (QS scope 70)	
Trade with compound feed (QS scope 76, only in combination with 70 or 71 possible)	
Trade with feed premixes (QS scope 76, only in combination with 70 or 71 possible)	
Private Labelling (QS scope 74 for compound feed and premixes)	

QS certified companies can deliver to France without additional audit. For this purpose, the recognition request must be entered in the QS-database.

Oqualim certified companies do not have to register in the QS database temporary. All companies which have the eligibility of delivery will be published on the homepage of Oqualim (www.oqualim.fr) and QS (www.q-s.de)

3.3 Recognition of the QS-audit by KAT – Verein für kontrollierte alternative Tierhaltungsformen e.V.



QS-certified compound feed producer can supply laying hen farmers who work according to 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".

3.4 Temporary recognition of CSA-GTP certification scheme until 31st December 2021 (French CSA-GTP Standard)



Table 9: Scope of recognition of CSA-GTP

Activity	Certificate
Trade with cereals, oil seeds and legumes (unprocessed products)	The relevant activity has to be mentioned on the CSA-GTP certificate. Transport, storage and transshipment is only recognized in combination with a certification for trade.
Transport, storage and transshipment of cereals, oil seeds and legumes (unprocessed products)	

CSA-GTP-certified companies do not need to register in the QS-database for now. It is sufficient to present a valid certificate.



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Criteria/Requirement	Changes	Date of change
2.6 Mutual recognition with EFISC-GTP Aisbl.	<p>Amendment: of the list of products which are part of the recognition for the oilseed and starch industry by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rape seed, extruded ■ Soybean, flakes ■ Maize grits ■ Cereal grains screenings ■ Starch hydrolysates cake ■ Vinasses 	12.03.2021
2.1 Mutual recognition with GMP+ International	<p>Amendment: the recognition is also possible for mobile feed milling and mixing plants</p>	05.01.2021
1 Recognition of separately certified quality management systems	<p>Correction: deleted "if the scope of the certification includes feed" as this is not relevant anymore since 01.01.2020</p>	01.01.2021
2.7 Mutual recognition with Fami-QS	<p>Amendment: for the QS-recognition paying a QS-fee is relevant</p>	01.01.2021
3.2 Temporary recognition of Oqualim	<p>Extension of the recognition until 31.12.2021</p>	01.01.2021
3.4 Temporary recognition of CSA-GTP certification scheme	<p>Extension of the recognition until 31.12.2021</p>	01.01.2021