

Steps to join the QS scheme for Additive and Premix Producers

Participation in the QS scheme





Registration of the additive/ premix producer in the QS database

Commissioning of the certification body with a QS audit

Successful QS audit

Entry and release of the audit report into the QS database by the certification body

Signing of the scheme agreement between QS and the additive/premix producer

Eligibility of delivery into the QS scheme

Scope



- Feed additives are compounds, microorganisms or preparations which are not feed materials, and which are intentionally added to water or feed in order to:
 - positively affect the characteristics of the feed
 - positively affect the characteristics of animal products
 - meet the nutritional needs of the animals
 - positively affect the ecological effects of animal production

- positively affect animal production, performance or well being, in particular by positively influencing the stomach and intestinal flora or digestibility of feed
- have coccidiostatic or histomonostatic effects
- Premixes are mixes of feed additives or mixes made from one or more feed additives and feed material or water as a carrier, which are not suitable for direct feeding to animals.das

Relevant documents



The **document center** provides all relevant documents, e.g.:

- For all scheme participants
 - Guideline Certification
 - General Regulations
 - Style guide for the QS certifiacation mark
 - Scale of fees Supply chain meat and meat products

- For additive and premix producers
 - Guideline Feed Sector
 (Chapter 1, 2 and 3)
 - Guideline Feed Monitoring
 - Checklist Feed Sector
 - Related and Supporting documents
 - Paper of incident feed

Selection of the certification body



- Select a certification body that will carry out the audit. A list of certification bodies approved by QS can be found here.
- Note: You can request quotations from several certification bodies and then select the best offer.
- The certification body can be changed if necessary.



Registration in the QS database



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- You can register in the QS scheme under https://www.q-s.de/softwareplattform/en/
- Click on the button "Initial registration" under "New to QS" to start the registration process.





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Registration in the QS database



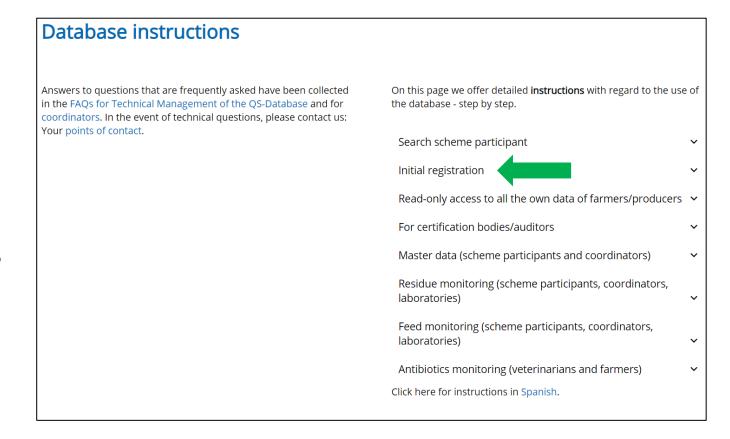
- After you have read the information about the initial registration and accepted the data privacy statement, click on "Next".
- The first step is to select the stage "Feed sector".
- Enter your company and contact details in the following steps.
- Make sure that "QS" is selected as the certification scheme.

- When entering the location data, select the production scope "(76) trade (feed)"
- Note: By selecting "Enter an additional location" at the end of the registration process, you can register additional locations and production scopes during the initial registration process. You can also add additional locations at any time after completing the initial registration.

Registration in the QS database



- After a successful registration in the QS database, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with your login data (QS ID and password). This will be sent to the e-mail address of your legal representative.
- With these access data (user name = QS ID) you can from now on log in to the QS database.
- A detailed description of the initial registration process can be found <u>here</u>.



Commissioning the audit



- After the initial registration in the QS database, please contact the selected certification body.
- It is also possible that the certification body will contact you first, as they will be informed about the selection in the initial registration.
- During the contact with the certification body, you commission it to carry out an audit in your company.
- The certification body will carry out the audit on an agreed date in consultation with you.

 After the auditor has entered the audit report into the QS database, another employee of the certification body checks the report and then releases it.

Sending the scheme agreement



- After release of the audit report in the QS database by the certification body, the QS office is automatically informed via the database.
- You can check whether your audit report is already •
 entered in the QS database by logging in to the
 QS database.
- After QS has reviewed the audit report, you will receive the scheme agreement for the stage feed sector and a master data sheet for your company by e-mail.

- Please sign the scheme agreement and fill in the master data sheet. Then send the documents back to the QS office (<u>vertragswesen@q-s.de</u>).
- The scheme agreement is countersigned at the QS office and returned to you for your own records.
- You can find a sample scheme agreement <u>here</u>.

Eligibility of delivery



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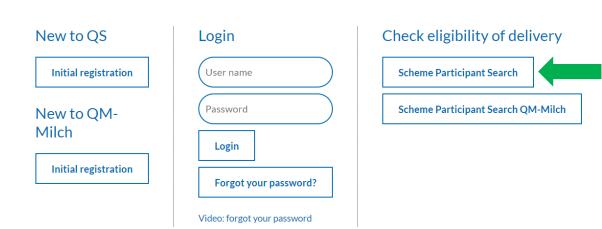


- As soon as the signed scheme agreement and all details have been received in full by QS, your company will be set as eligible to deliver.
- After receiving the eligibility of delivery, your company appears in the public scheme participant search of the QS database as eligible to deliver.
- Your certification body also automatically receives a confirmation of the eligibility of delivery. The certification body can then issue the QS certificate to your company.





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