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State of affairs with regard to benchmarking of new GTP code with GMP+ FSA, GMP-Ovocom and QS

Coceral completely revised the GTP code last year. The result is a more widely applicable code for collection, trade, transport and storage of feed materials. It was decided in consultation with a number of scheme holders (Ovocom, QS and GMP+ International) to carry out a joint benchmarking procedure. The purpose of this is to determine whether the new GTP certificate can be accepted within the scheme of these scheme holders: GMP, QS and GMP+ FSA, respectively.

Recently published press releases create the **impression** that the benchmarking procedure is fully completed and has resulted in full acceptance of the new GTP code within the schemes mentioned above. This, however, is not the case. Coceral has shown its willingness throughout this process to make the improvements considered to be necessary in the new code, but there are still a number of essential conditions to be fulfilled before acceptance is a fact.

So as to avoid misunderstandings in the market, a short description of the state of affairs per certification scheme is given below.

GMP+ FSA

As announced already in the newsletter of 24 November 2010, a transitional period will apply until 1 October 2011. Until that date GMP+ certified companies are allowed to purchase all kinds of vegetable feed materials from a GTP certified trader. The additional requirements laid down in GMP+ BA10 Minimum Requirements for Purchasing, Appendix 1, must be fulfilled as well.

If GTP improves some other items in its scheme, then GMP+ International is of the opinion that the new GTP code offers sufficient insurance **for trade, storage and transport of unprocessed grains, seeds and legumes**. The new GTP certificate can be accepted for this scope without additional conditions for both schemes.

This new situation can take effect as per 1 October 2011 if - as indicated earlier - Coceral implements a number of other improvements.

GMP-Ovocom

As of July 1st 2011 only companies correctly certified according to the scope of the GTP Code v1.1 are accepted into the GMP certified system. Any deviation in the scope of the certificate on products or activities will not be accepted.

The allowed scopes and additional conditions for acceptance are listed in the document



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'BT-02 : Purchasing' of the GMP Animal Feed standard. The requirements explicitly imply that every transport executed by third parties must be done according to the requirements set by the International Committee for Road Transport.

QS Qualität und Sicherheit

In accordance with Annex 10.5: "QS-international – bilateral agreements" to the guideline feed sector QS accepts the GTP code only for the **pure delivery trade with agricultural primary products** at this moment.

If QS extends this recognition and which conditions the companies maybe have to fulfil additionally QS will implement in this annex 10.5 when the process of benchmark is finished.

Until then please notice that the actual state of affairs concerning bilateral agreements is always published in the annex 10.5 to the guideline feed sector. At this moment QS accepts GTP-certificates as mentioned above only for the pure delivery trade with unprocessed agricultural primary products.

The QS guideline for the feed sector as well as its annexes is published on the QS-Website under www.q-s.de in the download center.

