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1. Introduction

This document is meant to provide background information about the appendix GMP+ BA7 'Specific requirements for by-products from the Oil & Fat Industry'.

The first version of this appendix was published in September 2018 as part of the GMP+ FC scheme, module Feed Safety Assurance (FSA)

This document addresses the most frequently asked questions and is intended as a guidance to the GMP+ participant.

Should you have any further questions or would like to receive more information, you can always contact us via our contact form. If considered necessary, new information and guidance will be added to this FAQ-list.

2. General

2.1. Why is this appendix GMP+ BA7 introduced?

The establishment of these specific requirements is a joint initiative of 4 European feed safety schemes (OVOCOM, GMP+ International, Q&S and AIC) together with some companies which are active in the supply of these fats from certain origins,

These specific requirements are meant

- to give more assurance about the feed safety to users of these by-products, mainly the compound feed industry.
- to create a level playing field. These requirements will become part of all four feed safety schemes.

2.2. What is the scope of this appendix GMP+ BA7?

This appendix provides a number of specific feed safety requirements for producers and traders of

- a number of specific by-products of the oil- and fat industry,
- coming from certain countries

These specific requirements are focussed on

- a number of logistic aspects,
- sampling and testing
- labelling.

2.3. To which GMP+ standard is this appendix linked?

This appendix is linked to regular GMP+ standards B1, B2 and B3. The appendix must as such – like any other GMP+ appendix – be considered part of the standard. Compliance with the requirements of this appendix is necessary to get a GMP+ certificate.

Compliance is mandatory when a company produces or trades one or more of the by-products of the oil- and fat industry, which

- come from certain countries, and which are
- in the scope of this appendix

2.4. Do compound feed producers need to comply with this appendix?

Producers of compound feed for use in livestock farming do not need to apply this appendix. Note that also fat compounders need to comply with the relevant requirements in this appendix.

2.5. Can a trader use this appendix as a kind of gatekeeper protocol?

No. Already the producer of these by-products must have a certified feed safety management system:

- when a company produces or trades by-products which are out of the scope of this appendix, compliance with the regular GMP+ standards is sufficient to get a certificate.
- when a company produces or trades by-products which are in the scope of this appendix, compliance with both the regular GMP+ standards and this appendix is necessary to get a certificate.

2.6. Why are products from EU based food registered companies excluded?

The process of an EU-based food registered company is considered to give already enough guarantees that the safety of the by-products can be assured.

There is enough confidence that the feed safety of the by-products can be assured by complying with the regular GMP+ standards.

This EU based food registered company can establish and operate a GMP+ feed safety management system which is based on the regular GMP+ standard (e.g. the GMP+ B2 standard).

2.7. How is this appendix structured?

In Chapter 3 of the appendix a table the specific requirements for by-products are given, focussed on logistics, monitoring and labelling. Also specific requirements for purchase of soap stocks are given.

The annexes in the appendix are meant to give guidance about

- Which by-products are in or out of scope. Products which are in the scope need to comply with the specific requirements
- From which process do these by-products come

2.8. How do I have to understand the testing when a by-product is transported by trucks

This appendix requires sampling of each truck. This does not necessarily mean that each of these samples must be tested. This appendix requires testing of a batch. A batch can consist of several truckloads, stored in a tank.

2.9. How do I have to understand positive release?

Positive release of a batch should be understood in this way that results of the testing are available and show that limits are not exceeded, before the product is used in or as feed.

2.10. Who is responsible for the testing?

The producer.

Under certain conditions the producer can transfer this obligation to the trader. See for this the appendix.

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