

FEFANA breaks through the 100th member barrier

Brussels, 06 November 2008 – FEFANA, the EU Association of Feed Additives and Premixtures, has continued to go from strength to strength and has just broken through the 100th member barrier. This is another important milestone for the Association after a reorganisation which took place four years ago.

FEFANA is the European association which represents the feed additives and premixtures operators. Established under a new non-profit form on October 13th, 2004, the Association was actually founded in 1963 when it was defined as the feed additives producers association. FEFANA remains the main interface between the feed additives industry and the European and national authorities, in order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry. As the next few years will see a continuing expansion in the field of feed additive regulatory work, FEFANA's membership basis was broadened in line with the evolution of the EU legislation and now brings together EU and EFTA feed additives producers, traders and importers as well as premixers.

The Association operates as an integrated European network through its members and also at national level thanks to efficient national platforms (mainly national associations or ad-hoc platforms). National platforms, well established as partners of the national authorities and stakeholders, are important pillars in today's FEFANA structure and shall continue to be crucial actors in the future activities of the Association. Platforms and network contacts are now available throughout the EU, allowing FEFANA member companies to optimise participation in representative structures throughout Europe while minimising resource investments.

Since 2004, FEFANA has established close partnerships with the European Commission, EFSA and the Community Reference Laboratory (CRL) for Feed Additives. In the summer of 2007, FEFANA launched its first consortia in order to support the feed additive industry efforts to obtain EU authorisation for existing additives under the Feed Additives Regulation 1831/2003. These consortia were established as separate legal entities from FEFANA and are open to non-members. Nine consortia have now been established: acids, amino-acids, antioxidants, carotenoids, emulsifiers, flavouring additives, silage additives, trace elements, and vitamins.

Moreover, in response to the Feed Hygiene Regulation 183/2005, FEFANA established FAMI-QS, an integrated safety and quality system for feed additives and premixtures. FAMI-QS, settled as a FEFANA-parallel association and open to all feed additives and premixture operators, concretely shows the commitment of the industry to an effective and concerted quality assurance system. In early 2007, the EC Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health formally adopted the FAMI-QS guide to good practice. With this action, the competent authorities have recognized FAMI-QS as a suitable system to implement the ambitious requirements of Regulation 183/2005. The continuously increasing number of FAMI-QS members (more than 400 certified sites today) explicitly proves that this is an aid to comply with regulatory as well as feed safety needs. Some operators now praise FAMI-QS as a tool to upgrade the company image and to provide continual improvement.

Over the past few years, FEFANA has also developed a number of practical tools for its members: the *Code of Practice for Feed Additives and Premixtures Classification*, the code for labelling, the *FEFANA Guidance* documents, etc. To know more about FEFANA's

member companies and get FEFANA membership information, please visit the following web page:

<http://www.fefana.org/Members.aspx>

About FEFANA

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on October 13th, 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives producers association that was founded in 1963. With 100 members from 28 countries, the Association is the interface between the feed additives industry and the European Union authorities, including Member States authorities, in order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry (in several topics like guidelines, register, labelling and definitions, analysis, feed hygiene and food chain safety or non-feed use of additives). FEFANA's chairperson is Dr. Hadden Graham of AB Vista.

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