

## AFIA builds Safe Feed/Safe Food Alliance

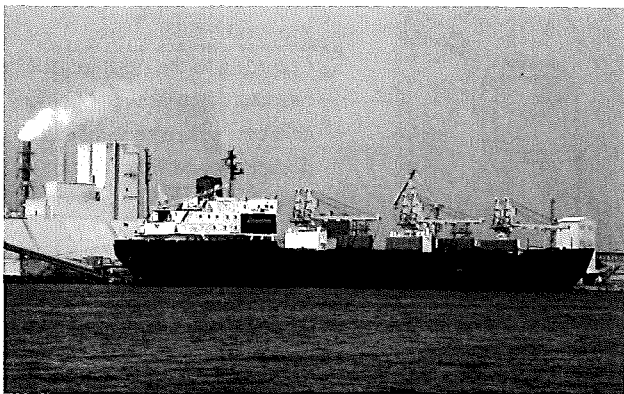
Representatives of the American Feed Industry Association and FEFA-NA, the Feed Additives and Premixtures Association of the European Union, recently signed an agreement that will permit auditors of AFIA's third-party certification program, Safe Feed/Safe Food, to inspect U.S. manufacturers for compliance with European feed hygiene and ingredient standards.

The agreement will facilitate U.S. trade with European feed and ingredient customers. The agreement was signed during the joint International Feed Expo-International Poultry Expo in Atlanta, Ga., on Jan. 26, 2009. Specifically, the agreement will allow the European Feed Additives and Premixtures-Quality System, or FAMI-QS, which is FEFANA's version of AFIA's SF/SF program, to train Facility Certification Institute auditors, per FAMI-QS requirements. AFIA agreed to grant reciprocity for firms in FAMI-QS since the program has the same components of the SF/SF program. The key difference between the AFIA and FEFANA programs is FAMI-QS recognition of EU Regulation (EC) 1831/2003, which requires Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points principles be implemented in feed and feed ingredient facilities. Additionally, this new agreement has the potential to affect both U.S. importers and exporters of feeds and feed ingredients in two ways: First, it offers a tool for validating EU regulatory compliance for exporters; second, under the U.S. government's Food Protection Plan, firms importing under recognized third-party certification systems will be prioritized for incoming inspections based on a risk-ranking approach. AFIA and FEFANA representatives currently are in the midst of planning the logistics of training FCI auditors to inspect U.S. firms based on FAMI-QS requirements. AFIA hopes to have the program accepting applications by late summer of 2009.

## 5% more agribulk in port Amsterdam in 2008

The total transshipment of agribulk in the port of Amsterdam has increased with 8.2% in 2008 (from 87.8 to 94.8 million tonnes). Agribulk increased with 5% to 8.7 million tonnes. Oilseeds increased to 2.4 million tonnes (up 138%). If this trend will continue in 2009 is not sure yet. The credit crunch will definitely has its effect on the total amount of goods that come into ports.

However, because of recent investments and the wide range of products that enter the Dutch ports, it is expected that the port of Amsterdam will continue to do well.



## Feed industry events

Events are a perfect meeting point for feed professionals.

Where and when to go can be read in the events calendar on AllAboutFeed. If your event is not listed, drop us a line at [info@allaboutfeed.net](mailto:info@allaboutfeed.net)

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## Feed statistics database

Most of the animal feed data available on the internet are rough estimates. Since there is no reliable database available, we would like to set up such a database (named Feed around the world) with the help of the AllAboutFeed users. So you can actively participate in filling, optimising and expanding this database.

If you see any mistakes, want to comment or add/update information on a country; do not hesitate to contact us. We have only started with a few countries, but as Confucius said: "Every journey begins with a single step". So consider this experiment a journey in which we all can participate. If you can help your colleagues fill in the blanks, email us at [info@allaboutfeed.net](mailto:info@allaboutfeed.net).

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## Article database

The article archive is an extensive database of articles on all aspects of the animal feed industry. All articles from 2000 are easily categorised. This database contains articles from Feed Tech and Feed Mix with external articles and white papers to be added in the near future.

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## Website improvement

You probably already noticed the lay-out changes on the website. In 2009, AllAboutFeed will

undergo more changes. These alterations will include technical ones for better navigation and search and also some layout changes to give the site a fresher and cleaner look. If you have some ideas or comments, please let us know at [info@allaboutfeed.net](mailto:info@allaboutfeed.net).

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## New blogger

Bob Luedtke joined AllAboutFeed as a new blogger.

Bob is a Senior Solution Specialist for Feed Management Systems, Inc. Bob brings extensive experience in the analysis, sales, support, installation, and training of Feed Management Systems' products, including financial, labeling, compliance and production systems. In his blogs, Bob will focus on information technology in the animal feed industry.

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