

FEFANA launches a consortium on urea and its derivatives

Brussels, 30 September 2009 – The European Feed Additives and Premixtures Association (FEFANA) has launched a new consortium: UREAC EEIG. This consortium will indeed be focusing on urea and its derivatives classified in the nutritional additives category determined in Annex I of the 1831/2003 legislation. In fact, co-ordinated efforts of those producing or using urea and its derivatives are urgently needed in order to secure their authorisation on the EU market and also maintain an appropriate diversity of sources. Towards their own clients who are closely keeping an eye on the re-authorisation process, companies involved in the UREAC European Economic Interest Grouping position themselves as responsible and reliable partners.

UREAC will not take care of the registration of all the “urea and its derivatives” listed in the Community Register of Feed Additives. Based upon the interest and commitment of its Members, only technically pure urea is being dealt with so far. The three other sources of urea (i.e. biuret, urea-phosphate and diureidoisobutane) can be given reasons for but no company has shown interest until now. The good news is that there is still a chance for any interested partner to join the UREAC consortia and that the working list of the new grouping will remain open until **31 December 2009** in order to adapt to the need of new Members.

Beside access to the vast know-how established within FEFANA over the years, the reduction of individual burden, the sharing of costs as well as the legal framework provided for companies to cooperate, the close relationship that FEFANA built with EC, EFSA and CRL is an important added value for UREAC. FEFANA is furthermore establishing additional tools for helping its Members and the consortia to prepare their dossiers in a consistent and coordinated way.

So far, the feed additive operators and EU associations have managed to keep the vast majority of commonly used feed additives authorised on the EU market. The Community Register of Feed Additives gives transparency to the process. As far as UREAC is concerned, only urea and its derivatives listed in the Register can be sold and used, for the functions and animal species covered by the authorisation.

With the complete authorisation dossier to be built, a last but major step is ahead for all feed urea operators. The content of the dossier has been defined by the EC/429/2008 Guideline Regulation. In order to prepare their dossier, UREAC Members would need information from the whole feed chain, starting from the production of urea up to its use in the final feed. This is why any feed business operator would be most welcome to join UREAC EEIG in order to participate actively in the registration procedure. **Just like all other consortia established by the Association, UREAC is open to FEFANA and non-FEFANA Members.**

For more information about UREAC and its activities, please visit the following web page:
<http://www.fefana.org/EEIG/UREAC.htm>

About FEFANA

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on 13 October 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives operators association which was originally founded in 1963. With more than 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 President is Dr. Frank Chmitelin of Adisseo.

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