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OQUALIM

Plan autocontrôle entreprise participante

The contribution of the feed sector to safe food products



Aims

OQUALIM is an association which supports, structures and coordinates joint initiatives in the animal feed sector in order to ensure feed safety.

OQUALIM offers every company in the animal feed sector the opportunity to participate in two initiatives :

- **The certification of production sites.** The receipt of a certificate attests to a site's compliance with professional standards regarding good practice in manufacturing and hygiene.
- **Joint monitoring plans** for chemical and biological contaminants in both compound feed and feed supplements.

Adapted to each production within the animal feed sector :

- The manufacturing of compound feed
- The manufacturing of mineral feed
- The manufacturing of premixtures
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Testimonials

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

BRUNO LE MAIRE, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,
FOOD, FISHERIES, RURAL AFFAIRS AND TOWN PLANNING

"The monitoring plan implemented by OQUALIM for animal feed demonstrated its effectiveness during the crisis which unfolded in January of this year (2011). It stands as a relevant, adaptable and above all responsive plan in view both of what is currently occurring on the commodities market but also of the alerts which have been issued."

DFP NUTRALIANCE

EMILIE POULIER, QUALITY CONTROL SERVICE

"For us, the decision to join OQUALIM was a no-brainer. The initiatives on offer are hugely beneficial to the work we do. These include the GBPAC initiative, a system which we immediately brought in to our plants and one which was quickly consolidated by the introduction of a reference system. This guide which is perfectly adapted to our profession allows us to improve our practice on a daily basis. Furthermore, the joint monitoring plans allows us to react promptly very promptly indeed to developments as they occur and to reach a high level of food safety."


Plant certification

Animal nutrition professionals have developed and implemented three **Good Manufacturing Practice Guides** within their plants (Compound Feed, Mineral Feed and Premixtures). These have been **officially approved** by the French authorities as guides both to hygiene and to the application of HACCP principles across the various sectors of the animal feed industry.

In order to reassure all partners working in the various sectors of the animal feed industry, the profession has introduced a system of **annual third party audits**, in order to check that these Good Manufacturing Practice Guides are being satisfactorily implemented. These audits are conducted by **trained and qualified auditors** belonging to certification bodies which have been officially approved by OQUALIM.

Plants producing compound feed, mineral feed and premixtures can be certified pursuant to their respective good manufacturing practice guides.

Being entirely compatible with and supporting in a highly practical fashion the requirements of the "hygiene package", OQUALIM is the favoured discussion partner representing the French animal feed sector both to equivalent systems in Europe and at an international level.



Choosing a manufacturer who has been certified as correctly applying a Good Manufacturing Practices Guide guarantees the livestock farmer and the sector of the industry to which he belongs that his supplier implements the Good Hygiene Practices of the profession, that he is involved in a process of continual improvement and that, as a result, he ensures that his feed does not pose any health risks and is easily traceable.

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BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION FRANCE

STÉPHANE MESLIF, OPERATIONS MANAGER

"The good manufacturing practice guides certification initiative allows our certification body to conduct audits which are of significant added value to professionals working in animal nutrition. Seeking equivalence with other European certification systems also helps to ensure, firstly, that the sector makes the best possible use of external audits and secondly, that our auditors become increasingly specialised in a particular field."

INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES FOR ROASTING DUCK (CICAR), TURKEY (CIDEF) AND CHICKEN (CIPC)

GILLES LE POTTIER, DEPUTY GENERAL

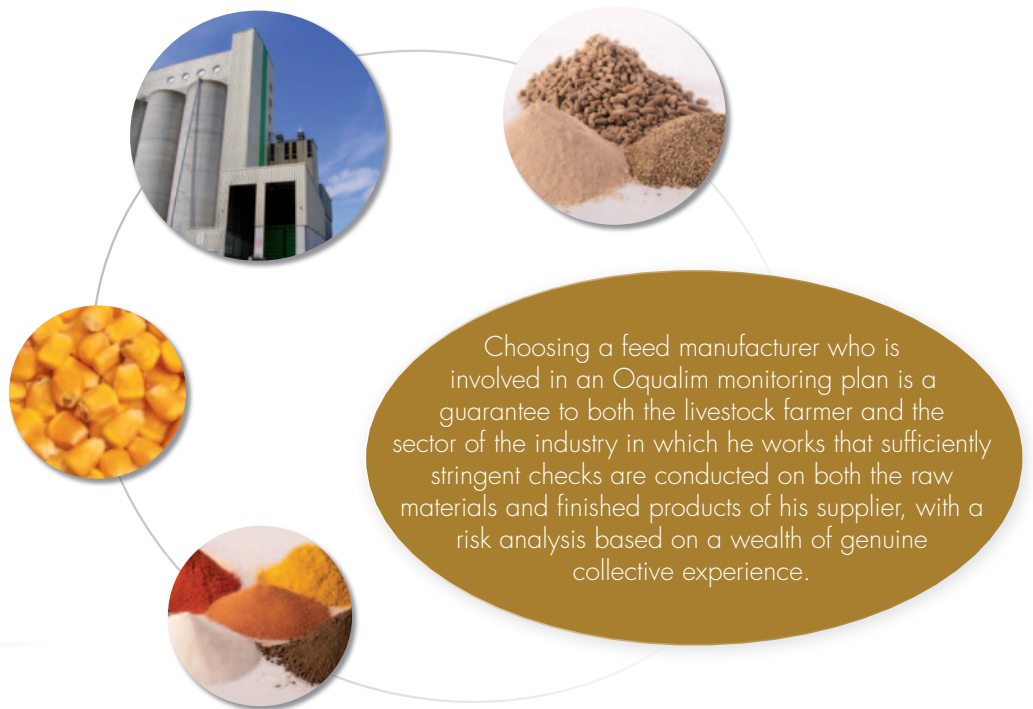
"OQUALIM provides an overarching and consistent approach to the vast problem of safety checks in the animal feed sector. Eradicating the health risks of animal feed is a priority for producers who demand both that the samples taken are highly representative and that costs are kept under control. The pooling of monitoring plans facilitated by OQUALIM's initiative strengthens the guarantees provided, as they act as a token of effectiveness and professionalism."

Joint monitoring plans

OQUALIM offers feed manufacturers the opportunity to participate in joint monitoring plans for chemical and biological contaminants.

- Fully reviewed each year
- Based on a statistical risk analysis
- Allow the level of safety of animal feed (both standard and organic) and supplements to be monitored in real time
- And guarantee that all firms participating in the plan stringently inspect and closely monitor the compliance of their finished feed

The monitoring plans help to ensure that manufacturers comply with regulatory obligations, but most importantly, allow them to ensure that their products meet safety targets thanks to the pooling of information.



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ANSES (FRENCH FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT SAFETY AGENCY)

Marc MORTUREUX, Director, ANSES

" During the first consultation phase conducted in preparation for the implementation of health guidelines issued by the Observatoire de l'Alimentation (Food Observatory), OQUALIM was clearly identified by Anses as one of the flagship projects in the pooling of monitoring data on the part agro-food professionals."

COOPÉRATIVE LE GOUSSANT

Sylvie BEAUJEU – DIRECTOR, QSE

" Having a body which brings together the initiatives developed across a whole sector and the active participation of several professional unions is hugely beneficial to professionals and an initiative which attests to the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, in particular where the safety of feed is concerned."

Results

OQUALIM

Professional initiatives adapted to the animal feed sector

OQUALIM has both given tangible form to and made visible more than ten years of work conducted within the profession to control and continually improve the quality and safety of livestock feed. Developed by the operators together with the government and relevant professionals, the tools offered by OQUALIM are adapted to the needs of the sector and its constituent industries.

Widespread take-up of voluntary procedures.

Many companies working within the sector participate in at least one of the initiatives offered by OQUALIM. This is proof that these initiatives are closely in line with the expectations of animal feed companies.

A response to the needs of the animal industries

The animal industries have been on board even before the official inception of OQUALIM in order to ensure that the initiatives put in place were able to meet their expectations and, ultimately, those of consumers.

Synergies with plant industries

Links have been established between OQUALIM and the monitoring plans used by plant industries. These include cereals (IRTAC) and oilseeds (CETIOM, ITERG).

Recognition by the authorities

The initiatives offered by OQUALIM are recognised by the authorities. These authorities have officially approved the various guides to good practice in hygiene (compound feed, premixtures, mineral feed) and take account of the certification system in the official inspections which they themselves conduct.

A visual identity

OQUALIM is a name, a label, a visual identity which allows the association to spread the word about its initiatives and affirm the involvement of the manufactures who participate in the initiatives developed.

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DGCCRF - MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

Nathalie HOMOBOÑO, Director General of Competition, Consumption and the Fight Against Fraud

" Through its data-pooling system, OQUALIM allows us to gain a clearer picture of the various risks of contamination present in animal feed. This in turn leads to a more relevant risk analysis. Consequently, this mechanism makes a significant contribution to ensuring the safety of feed and is a valuable tool for your profession."



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