BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Feed safety and quality are key issues for all companies handling feedstuffs and can have serious consequences when control is lost. A systematic approach is imperative for reducing risk and improving quality. Companies seeking to internationalize their business in Europe must be certified to a standard recognized by the GMP+ International (former PDV) organization. The GMP+ certification is also recognized by other feed certification schemes. Knowledge of GMP+ is spreading and the certificate is requested at a continuously greater extent throughout the world. The GMP+ regulations are in a process of continuous development and improvement and changes are relevant to all organizations in the international supply chain.

SOLUTION

The GMP+ standards have been developed to harmonize requirements for feed in order to ensure quality and safety throughout the entire feed chain. It is based on widely recognized principles of quality assurance, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP). Choosing which standard (B1, B2, etc.) and certification scope (production of feed materials, trade, etc.) depends on the organization’s role in the feed chain. GMP+B1 is mandatory for the production of compound feed, but can also be used for the production of feed materials and transport. B2 can be used for the production of feed materials and feed additives, while B3 is intended for trade and transshipment.

Each of these standards is intended for different means of feed transport (e.g. B4.1 is intended for truck transport). All steps in the supply chain are thus covered by the given requirements.

GMP+ certifications can be viewed online in the certified companies database on www.gmpplus.org.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

Feed expertise - Bureau Veritas Certification has the recognition and expertise to carry out the certification process including audits conducted by highly skilled professionals. Our auditors are dedicated to specific sectors, are able to access your processes and deliver exceptional service.

Recognition - Bureau Veritas Certification is recognized by the GMP+ organization. We are recognized as experts in the food and feed areas and have many ongoing certifications.

Network - We operate in more than 100 countries and have an international presence. Our clients receive the double advantage of international expertise combined with a genuine depth of local knowledge (language, culture, laws, customs, etc.), which ensures a high quality audit. Thanks to our expansive network, we are able to combine audits with most other schemes.

Mark of global recognition - The Bureau Veritas Certification mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization’s ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.

RELATED SERVICES

Beyond GMP+ Feed, Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of other services related to food safety such as:

- ISO 22000
- ISO 9001
- ISO 14001
- OHSAS 18001
- EFISC
OUR APPROACH

The key steps in the certification process are:

- Definition of certification scope within the frame of the GMP+ system
- Optional pre-audit: diagnosis of your current position against the standard
- One-step audit with document review
- A certificate valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of the audit.
- Yearly surveillance audits to verify that the quality system continues to fulfill the requirements
- Recertification after 3 years

FAQ

What is the Feed Safety Database?
The Feed Safety Database (FSD) is an information database containing valuable information about the safe use of feed materials. It is regularly updated with current risk assessments of feed materials and can be found on the GMP+ website (www.gmpplus.org).

Is my product considered a feed material?
GMP+ has created a decision tree that will determine whether your product is indeed a feed material and thus must be included in the Feed Safety Database. This decision tree is available in three languages (Dutch, German and English) and can be found on the GMP+ website.

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