

# GMP+ Feed Certification scheme



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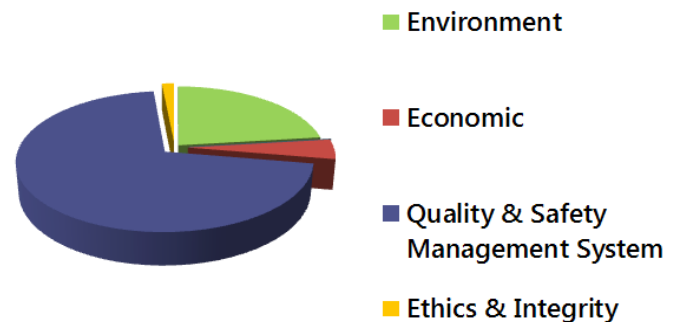
## Local Offices in:

China

## FACTS & FIGURES

- Over 12000 participating companies in more than 67 countries
- 28 Partners
- 27 accepted certification bodies
- About 350 qualified auditors

## FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES



*Disclaimer: the graph was generated using the proportion of the sustainability initiative's requirements matching the criteria used in Standards Map Database in consultation with standard organizations.*

## WHAT IS GMP+ FEED CERTIFICATION SCHEME?

The GMP+ Feed Certification scheme was initiated and developed in 1992 by the Dutch feed industry in response to various more or less serious incidents involving contamination in feed materials. Although it started as a national scheme, it has developed to become an international scheme that is managed by GMP+ International in collaboration with various international stakeholders. Even though the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme originated from a feed safety perspective, in 2013 the first feed responsibility standard has been published. For this purpose, two modules are created: GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance (focussed on feed safety) and GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance (focussed on responsible feed).

## WHO CAN JOIN?

GMP+ Feed Certification scheme is intended for the certification of feed companies active in the feed chain around the world. Companies engaged in the production, trade storage and/or transshipment of feed additives, feed materials, premixes and compound feeds can apply for GMP+ certification.

## WHAT PRODUCTS ARE COVERED?

GMP+ standards cover various feed products including feed additives, feed materials, premixes and compound feeds.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES?

► GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance is a complete module for the assurance of feed safety in all the links of the feed chain. Multiple components have been integrated into the GMP+ FSA module, such as requirements for the quality management system (ISO 9001), HACCP, product standards, traceability, monitoring, prerequisites programmes, chain approach and the Early Warning System.

► The basic principle of GMP+ FSA is that the feed chain is part of the whole animal products production column. As a chain focused scheme, the GMP+ FSA includes standards with norms and requirements for various feed products (such as compound feeds, feed materials, premixes and feed additives) and their production. There are also standards with norms for the various stages in the feed chain ranging from production, treatment and processing, trade, transport by road, rail, inland waterway and by sea vessels through to storage & transshipment. Further, the chain principle is reflected in the purchase requirements that are laid down in the scheme. A company may only buy his feed ingredients and services from a supplier who complies with GMP+ requirements, and is certified as such.

► In 2011 the first Country Notes were published, one for China and two for The Netherlands, to cope with specific national market demands and situations.

► With the development of the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module, GMP+ International is responding to requests by GMP+ participants. GMP+ International worked together with RTRS on the standard GMP+ B101 Production and trade of responsible soy. The scope of this document focuses on the organisations that process soy beans (such as soy crushers) and traders. The growers of soy must be certified according to the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production.

## AUDIT INFORMATION

► **1st, 2nd, 3rd party certification:**

Third-party audit is required.

► **Frequency of audits:**

Annual audits, Other.

► **Review process:**

Regular audits include initial audit, supervision audit and extension audit. Each audit consists of assessment of the quality documentation and on-site audit. If the results of the audit indicate it then an additional audit should be carried out.

► **Validity of audit certificate:**

The GMP+ certificate shall be valid for a period of a maximum of three years (except when in the C3/C6 documents is mentioned different).

## WHAT KIND OF CRITERIA ARE USED FOR THE ASSESSMENT?

► **Pass and fail:**

If Category 2 or Category 1 nonconformities are observed during an initial audit, an extension audit or a review of the quality documentation, then the GMP+ certificate or the temporary approval can not be issued or extended.

► **Scoring:**

Where 10 or more Category 3 audit nonconformities are observed during an audit, an additional audit or the assessment of quality documentation, the company does not meet the requirements for GMP+ certification or temporary approval.

► **What happens if non-conformity is found?**

Audit nonconformities are classified into three categories

(1, 2 and 3). The company is obliged to take proper improvement measures to take care of the nonconformity within the period of time set by the certification body, which varies from 2 weeks to 6 months depending on the nonconformity category.

## ARE THE PRODUCTS TRACEABLE ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

Products must be traceable in all stages of production, processing and distribution so that, where necessary, they can immediately be withdrawn from the market specifically and precisely and/or the users of these products can be properly informed. The participant must, for this purpose, set up and describe an internal traceability procedure.

The participant must take appropriate measures to ensure that the feed produced can be traced effectively during all the stages specified above for which the participant is responsible. The participant must maintain a register with the relevant details with respect to purchase, production and sale which can be used to trace the products from reception to delivery (including export to the final destination). The required information must be available within four hours unless the authorities determine a shorter time.

## DOES THE INITIATIVE HARMONISE WITH OTHER STANDARDS?

There are other quality assurance systems for the guaranteeing of the safety of feeds. The certificates which are issued within the framework of these schemes to feed companies have been declared to be equivalent to the GMP+ certificate and vice versa. This mutual recognition is expressed in the purchasing requirements (see GMP+ BA10), but also in harmonisation on specific requirements together with these scheme's. Together with the Round Table on Responsible Soy (RTRS), GMP+ International has developed the new standard GMP+ B101 Production and trade of responsible soy. The growers of soy must be certified in accordance with the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production.

► **Capacity building and outreach:**

No.

## USE OF LOGO ON THE FINAL PRODUCT?

► **Yes:**



## WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

GMP+ International supports the GMP+ participants with useful and practical information by way of a number of guidance documents, databases, newsletters, Q&A lists and seminars.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

► **Membership fee:**

Partner's annual financial contribution is EUR1,000 (VAT exclusive) per subsector. If an organisation or a company subscribes for partnership for more than one subsector, GMP+ International grants 25% discount.

► **Certification costs:**

Certification includes costs of the audit. The certification body will use its own rates. The certification body will also invoice an annual fee for GMP+ International, which is used for the maintenance of the GMP+ FSA module. These fees can be found in the GMP+ Tariff document on the website.

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## GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

**Africa:** Mauritius, Morocco, Tunisia **Asia:** China, Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Viet Nam **Europe:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg,

Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom **Central America:** Belize, Cuba **North America:** Canada, Mexico, United States of America **South America:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay **Australia & Oceania:** Australia



*As of January 2013, there are over 12000 GMP+ FSA participating companies in more than 67 countries and regions especially in Europe, North, Central and South America and in Asia. It is an international scheme applicable worldwide.*  
Source: GMP+ Companies database <http://cdb.gmpplus.org/?publang=6>

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## STEPS TO JOIN THE INITIATIVE:

### 1. Selecting the relevant standard.

- Decision to become GMP+ FSA certified (for arguments, see list of advantages / benefits).
- Determining which standard covers all the companies' activities ('scope(s)') and is the most suitable standard (see the website of GMP+ International, [www.gmpplus.org](http://www.gmpplus.org)).

### 2. Setting up a feed safety system.

- Developing / adapting the feed safety system and implementing the necessary operational procedures and process improvements.
- Carrying out an internal audit to check whether all applicable requirements are met (TIP: use the checklists).
- Improving the feed safety system, operational procedures, etc. when necessary.
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- Improving the feed safety system.

### 3. Selecting a suitable certification body

- Selecting a suitable certification body accepted by GMP+ International (see: [www.gmpplus.org](http://www.gmpplus.org)).
- Signing the contract with the certification body.

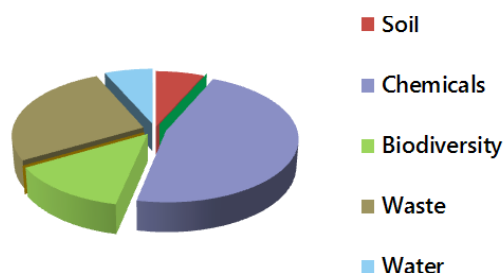
### 4. Having the certification body carry out an audit

- Having the certification body carry out an audit.
  - Carrying out corrective actions when necessary.
  - Receiving the GMP+ certificate.
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## OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS\*:

## EXPLANATION:

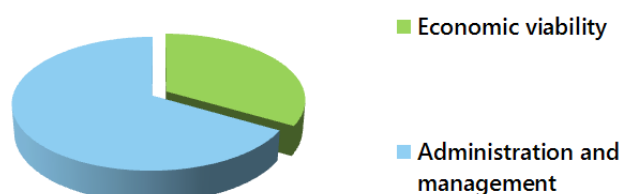
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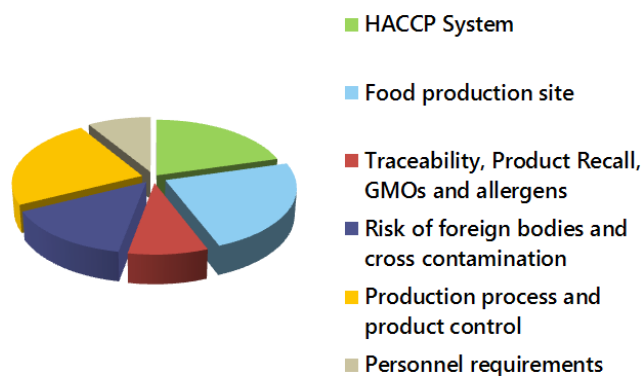
### ► Critical:

A certificate will only be issued if there is full compliance with the requirements for GMP+ certification. Therefore, all the criteria are presented on Standards Map as 'Critical' requirements.

### ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS



### QUALITY & SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS



\* based on criteria used in Standards Map. Access Standards Map's Analysis Module to review specific details on up to 250 sustainability requirement for each of the standards.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Standards Map is a web-based interactive tool that centralises, organises and disseminates information on over 123 voluntary sustainability standards. Standards Map is part of the International Trade Centre's web-based [Market Analysis Tools](#).

More detailed information on the specific requirements of the sustainability initiative can be reviewed: [standardsmap.org](https://standardsmap.org).