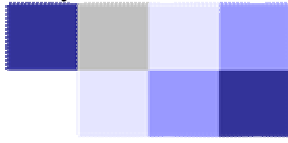


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EFISC

European Feed Ingredients Safety Code

Press statement

EFISC sets foot in Italy

With its recent pilot certification of the Bunge crushing plant in Ravenna and the hiring of Mr. Peter Brattinga as manager, FEDIOL, the European oil and proteinmeal industry and AAF, the European starch industry provide the market with an important tool to assure the safety of feed ingredients in Italy and the EU.

The EU oil, oilseed meal and starch industries made their own safety code called European Feed Ingredients Safety Code, EFISC. Last summer the Bunge oilseed crushing facility in Ravenna successfully certified itself against this code. Mr Paolo Mazzesi Quality Manager of Bunge said: “The pilot indicated our feed safety assurance is upto standard, but also that the EFISC system is robust and ready to be further implemented.” Currently the Italian starch manufacturers are also certifying themselves against EFISC.

Mr Silvio Ferrari, chairman of Assalzoo, the Italian compound feed industry welcomes this commitment by European feed ingredients manufacturers: “Feed safety is a prerequisite for the proper functioning of the animal production chain in Italy. The ingredients producers show that they are prepared to take up their responsibility and partner with the Assalzoo Codex feed scheme which the Italian compound feed industry has recently launched”.

The EFISC group of sectors hired a full time manager to support the further growth of the EFISC certification system. The new manager will be instrumental in further implementing EFISC certification in Italy and Europe.

FEDIOL and AAF are coordinating their efforts on feed safety assurance with their colleagues of the feed additives and premixtures FEFANA and the agri-bulk trade COCERAL within the European Feed Ingredients Platform, EFIP (www.efip-ingredients.org). EFIP is a voluntary platform to evaluate sectors’ guides, share experiences, cooperate and offer guidance to all of their members on the implementation of the Feed Hygiene Regulation and relating safety schemes.

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