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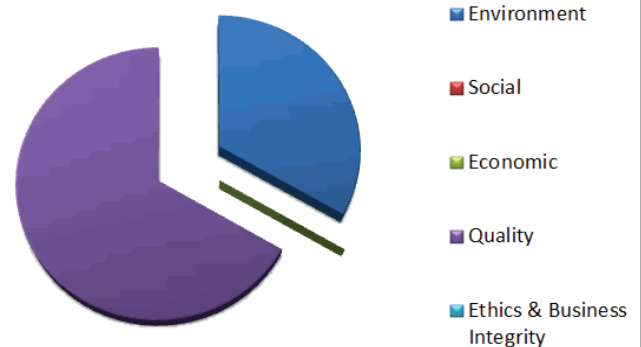
EFISC
European Feed Ingredients Safety Certification

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FACTS & FIGURES

- Over 70 of the main feed material manufacturers
- Over 40 % of EU manufactured processed feed materials EFISC certified
- Provides a passport to trade
- Global certification
- Close link to the EU legislation
- Building on sector knowledge and experience

FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

- Environment
- Social
- Economic
- Quality
- Ethics & Business Integrity

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 EFISC?

The European code to good practice for the industrial manufacturing of safe feed materials (EFISC) has been developed by the EU feed materials sector organisations to provide an EU harmonised, voluntary feed safety assurance scheme for the feed materials industry. The aim of the code is to provide safe feed for animals and hence to support safety throughout the food chain up to the consumers by making the best use of the industry's experience and expertise. Furthermore, a harmonised assurance scheme positively contributes to fair trading practices and to the free movement of feed materials within the EU market. The implementation of EFISC increases transparency, improves efficiency and customer trust and confidence. The requirements in the Code are based on the European Guide to good practice for the industrial manufacturing of safe feed materials, developed by the sector and endorsed by the European Commission and the EU Member States, providing measures to ensure compliance with the Feed Hygiene Regulation (Reg. 185/2005/EC). The EFISC scheme is certifiable based on third party certification in line with ISO 17021 supplemented by ISO/ TS 2003. The EFISC scheme is under evaluation of the European Accreditation Body.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any manufacturer of industrial processed feed materials. A pre requisite for the certification is the availability of a recognised sector specific HACCP document.

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE COVERED?

The EFISC certification is developed to cover the industrial manufacturing of feed materials starting from the entry point of incoming materials, including the purchasing of raw materials related to feed material production, plant storage, manufacturing, sales and transport of the product produced, until the point of transfer of ownership. Typically these are co- products from the food industry.

WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES?

▶ The Feed Hygiene Package sets up hygiene and safety requirements for the whole feed chain including feed materials. EFISC provides uniform requirements for the implementation of the operators feed safety management system in order to reach compliance with the EU legislation. Based on the sector knowledge and experience EFISC provides the criteria regarding the Management, HACCP, PRP, traceability and incident management in combination with a solid and harmonised third party certification system.

AUDIT INFORMATION

▶ **1st, 2nd, 3rd party certification:**
   Third-party audit is required

▶ **Frequency of audits:**
   Annual audits

▶ **Review process:**
   No information available.

▶ **Validity of audit certificate:**
   The certificate is valid for a period of three years. A verification audit takes place on an annual basis

WHAT KIND OF CRITERIA ARE USED FOR THE ASSESSMENT?

▶ **Pass and fail:**
   The requirements in the EFISC Code are essential for a good functioning of the feed safety management system. Compliance to the EFISC requirements is based on a Pass or Fall assessment made by the auditors. See the EFISC rules of certification for more information.

▶ **What happens if non-conformity is found?**
   A plan of corrective actions is developed based on the audit results. A follow- up is organised within a fixed time period in order to verify the correct implementation of the corrective actions.

▶ **Does the initiative offer incentives for continuous improvement?**
   No information available.

ARE THE PRODUCTS TRACEABLE ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

The management shall establish and implement a traceability system to be able to identify incoming materials from the immediate suppliers and distribution of the feed materials product to the immediate customer as well as to enable the identification of product lots of the feed materials produced and their relation to batch numbers or codes of incoming materials. When rework or any reworking operation is performed, traceability shall be maintained.
In the feed material industry, the traceability from reception of the raw material to the dispatch of finished goods should reflect the nature of the production process (continuous, batch etc.).

A traceability system shall at least include:
1. Codes or batches of incoming materials; in-process products, packaging and chemicals.
2. Number of tanks, silos or equipments used.
3. Manufacturing and any operational documents applied.
4. Time of operations and controls.
5. Quantity and flow.
See section 4.4.2 of Standard

DOES THE INITIATIVE HARMONISE WITH OTHER STANDARDS?

EFISC certification takes into account and offers combined certification with the relevant feed scope of: GMP+, GMP (OVOCOM), FEMAS (AIC) and QS.
In combination with the following food schemes EFISC offers a combined certification: BRC, IFS, FSSC 22000, ISO 22000.

▶ **Capacity building and outreach:**
   yes

▶ **Auditing methodologies:**
   The auditing methodology is based on ISO 17021 supplemented by ISO 22003. EFISC has licensed 4 of the major certification bodies, known for their solid experience and expertise.

USE OF LOGO ON THE FINAL PRODUCT?

▶ **no** (EFISC covers business to business).

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?
EFISC provides guidance to the manufacturer in the implementation and certification process. Further guidance is provided through the technical committees of the sector organisations involved. Information is available on the EFISC website.
Approved as a EU Community Guide to good practices for the industrial manufacturing of safe feed materials and translated in to 23 languages.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

▶ **Membership fee:**
   Annual fee of 400 EUR for the manufacturer for one location.

▶ **Certification costs:**
   Contract between the certification body and manufacturer.

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

The EFISC standrard is applicable in the following countries and regions:
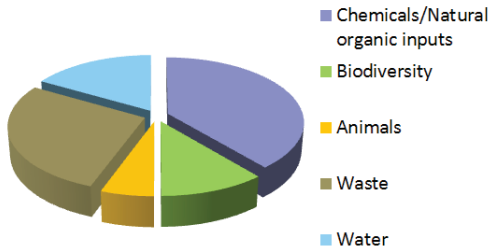*Source: www.efisc.eu*

STEPS TO JOIN THE INITIATIVE:

1. Download a free copy of the EFISC Code, the rules of certification and the relevant sector document and read the documents care fully.

2. Evaluate your readiness and perform an internal audit with the help of the EFISC audit matrix (also available on the website).

3. Register for EFISC certification.

4. Select a certification body from the EFISC website and contact them for the audit.

5. Undergo the audit (evaluation of the FSMS, documentation, scope and preparedness (stage 1)) followed by the verification of the implementation of the FSMS (stage 2).

6. Outcome of the audit. Possible action plan for the non-conformities.

7. Assessment of the action plan and its implementation by the certification body.

8. Evaluation of the audit report and its findings by the certification board of the certification body followed by the certification decision.

9. You will receive the certificate and registration on the EFISC website as a certified manufacturer.

10. After the initial certification an annual surveillance audit will apply.
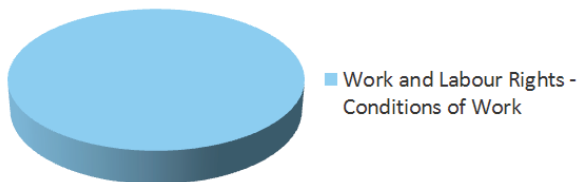
OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS*:

EXPLANATION:

▶ **Critical:**
The requirements in the EFISC Code are essential for a good functioning of the feed safety management system. Depending on the judment of the auditor the not full filling of the requirements might lead to a minor/ major or critical non conformity. In such a situation an action plan has to be made, verified and implemented. Not fulfilling the requirements will lead to the loss of the EFISC certificate. See the EFISC rules of certification for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Chemicals/Natural organic inputs
- Biodiversity
- Animals
- Waste
- Water

SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Work and Labour Rights - Conditions of Work

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Standards Map is a web-based interactive tool that centralises, oganises and disseminates information on over 80 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**.