



European Feed Ingredients Safety Certification (EFISC)

At a glance

This document provides an overview of the feed materials safety assurance system EFISC.

What is EFISC?

EFISC is a feed safety certification scheme with third party certification based on ISO/IEC 17021 supplemented with ISO/TS 22003 (food safety management system).

EFISC provides guidance to the manufacturer on the implementation of its feed safety management system, pre-requisite programme, HACCP, documentation, traceability and incident management in combination with an accredited third party certification system. The scheme is based on the European Guide for the industrial manufacturing of safe feed materials, developed by EFISC and endorsed by the European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, the EU Member States and the European Accreditation Body.

EFISC has been developed by the EU sector organisations and their manufacturers, taking up their responsibility for safe feed and food across countries. EFISC is a reply to the need for a contemporary, harmonised, science and HACCP based, certification scheme. It will facilitate trade and sales in the EU internal market and reduce cost through efficiency savings. EFISC is an effective risk management tool to protect the manufacturer's brands and provide trust and transparency to the customers.

EFISC implementation shows the commitment of the manufacturer to ensure safe feed by controlling and managing the feed safety risks for its products and processes and the strengthening of the feed safety culture within its organisation.

What products are covered by the EFISC STANDARD?

The EFISC standard covers the feed safety management systems of feed business operators of processed feed materials, starting from the incoming product, purchasing of raw materials, manufacturing, transport, transshipment and storage by the feed business operator and sales of the finished product.

What are the key features of the EFISC feed safety assurance system?

- Developed by the feed material sectors and their feed safety experts—strong ownership and stakeholder involvement.
- Based on the EU feed hygiene package.
- Harmonised requirements, science based and a focus on feed safety.

- Risk based approach
- Building on the knowledge and experience of the best feed safety experts.
- Solid requirements for the management, pre-requisite programme and HACCP implementation
- Use of specific sector documents- developed and maintained by the relevant sectors- providing generic risk assessments by products, processes, hazards, legal references and control measures.
- Reliable and impartial certification by accredited certification bodies and trained auditors resulting in increased customer confidence. Certification in compliance with ISO 17021 supplemented by ISO/ TS 22003 (food safety management systems).
- Food manufacturers making use of ISO 22000, BRC, IFS, and FSSC 22000 can make use of a combined audit, avoiding duplication, resulting in an efficiency gain and reduced cost.

EFISC: facts and figures

About 80 of the major feed material manufacturers in 14 countries are certified in compliance with EFISC all over the European Union representing over 50 % of the processed feed materials manufactured in the EU.

EFISC has approved and licensed 4 accredited certification bodies, selected for their high standard of working, experienced and knowledgeable auditors and reliability in certification, offering certification worldwide.

EFISC is open to other feed material producing sectors to join.

Support

EFISC provides free access to the scheme requirements and certification rules on its [website](#) and information on its members, board and technical committee.

Translations of the European Guide are available in the 23 EU languages.

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The 10 steps towards EFISC certification

- Step 1. [Download](#) a free copy of the EFISC Code, the rules of certification and the relevant sector document and read the documents care fully.
- Step 2. Evaluate your readiness and perform an internal audit with the help of the EFISC audit matrix (also available on the website).
- Step 3. Register for EFISC certification.
- Step 4. Select a certification body from the EFISC website and contact them for the audit.
- Step 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).
- Step 6. Outcome of the audit. Possible action plan for the non- conformities.
- Step 7. Assessment of the action plan and its implementation by the certification body.
- Step 8. Evaluation of the audit report and its findings by the certification board of the certification body followed by the certification decision.
- Step 9. You will receive the certificate and be registered on the EFISC website as a certified manufacturer.
- Step 10. After the initial certification an annual surveillance audit will apply. In addition an unannounced audit program is in place