

Report 2019



Editorial

I am writing this editorial in a very peculiar context. Whilst the activity has stopped for numerous companies and individuals, for the companies in our profession, we have a duty to ensure the continuity of our business as a key link in the food chain. **Often criticised in the past, animal nutrition has regained its importance and the employees in our companies pride themselves in carrying out their tasks of feeding the animals that feed the people.** This is also the case for OQUALIM and its partners that implement the necessary provisions to ensure the continuity of certification and monitoring plans.

This human health crisis will have consequences on numerous sectors of activity, and particularly on food. A study by IRI (Information Resources Inc.) on consumer behaviour following the start of the crisis expects that *"the relationship with health will be even more important after the epidemic than it was before. After being faced with illness, death and fear over several*

weeks, reassuring the French people about the quality of the food that they consume will more than ever be a major concern. The obsession with quality will once again replace, and in an amplified way, the temporary fear of running out".

We can be proud of all of the work carried out over the years on feed safety. As it emerged during the annual meeting last year, **the growing integration of biosecurity in OQUALIM's actions is a major issue for the future.**

I would like to thank all of those who are involved and work to ensure the correct functioning of OQUALIM's actions, including our employees, partners, participants in steering committees and working groups, unions.

Stay safe.

Ludovic Michel

CHAIRMAN OF OQUALIM

What is  ?

OQUALIM is an association whose aim is to provide solutions to help meet health security and animal feed quality challenges.

The association coordinates the collective approach by the French animal nutrition sector in terms of quality and health security of animal feed. It has two main objectives : health security and compliance with both public and private specifications. To achieve these objectives, it has constructed two tools : pooled self-monitoring plans and the certification of animal feed plants with the RCNA (Animal Nutrition Certification Reference).

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Certification

ANIMAL NUTRITION CERTIFICATION STANDARD



Animal Nutrition Certification Standard (RCNA)

305 certified
CF : **268** production sites (96.5 %)
MF-PM : **36** production sites
(MF : 72 % ; PM : 90 %)



Technical Platform "GMO-free fed*" (STNO)

221 certified
(6 sites certified for STNO alone)
CF : **196** certified
MF : **25** certified

MF Mineral Feed

PM Premixes

CF Compound feed, milk replacer, liquid feed

% of the annual production in France

* < 0.9 %



9 certification bodies



34 auditors



Technical Platform "Equine Nutrition" (STNE)

50 certified
CF : **45** certified
MF : **5** certified

OQUALIM RCNA CERTIFICATION

2019 saw a 13 % increase in the number of RCNA certificates. The certificates are broken down into 88 % for the feed production sites and 12 % for distribution sites.

Decided in 2019, **the affixing of the OQUALIM brand on the labelling of products from certified sites became mandatory** for OQUALIM certified companies on 1st January 2020. The positive OQUALIM labelling meets the expectations of specifications and facilitates the work of breeders and their monitoring organisations. In 2020, all certified companies will also take part in OQUALIM's pooled self-monitoring plans in line with their activities.

In order to reinforce the uniformity of health requirements on supplies, **full compliance with Appendix 1 - Minimum requirements for selection, monitoring and assessment modalities is mandatory** for all RCNA certified organisations. Specific "gatekeeper" protocols for specific feed materials have been defined.

CERTIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS OF FEED MATERIALS (RCF)

In 2019, to enable all certified organisations to comply fully with Appendix 1 : **Purchases from certified suppliers, OQUALIM has developed a certification standard dedicated to suppliers of feed materials** for animal feed manufacturers. This certification standard was announced during the annual meeting in May 2019 and presented during SPACE 2019. The certification bodies referenced to audit the new OQUALIM certification standard, (after auditor training) can be found in the directory on the OQUALIM website (www.oqualim.com). Distance training is available for certification candidates.

"GMO-FREE FED" TECHNICAL PLATFORM VERSION 5

In 2018, certification according to the STNO concerned manufacturers of complete or supplementary compound feed. The work carried out in 2019 led, on 1st January 2020, **to the broadening of the scope to the activities of distribution and trading of compound feed and feed materials, from production and distribution sites**. The STNO is a complementary certification to the RCNA or an equivalent standard recognised by OQUALIM. In accordance with the press release of 3rd June 2019, **mutual recognition exists between the STNO and VLOG standards**. 2019 recorded a 17 % increase in the number of STNO certified sites with 78 % of the new sites certified OQUALIM and 22 % of sites that extended their certification scope to STNO. 97 % of STNO certified sites are also RCNA certified.

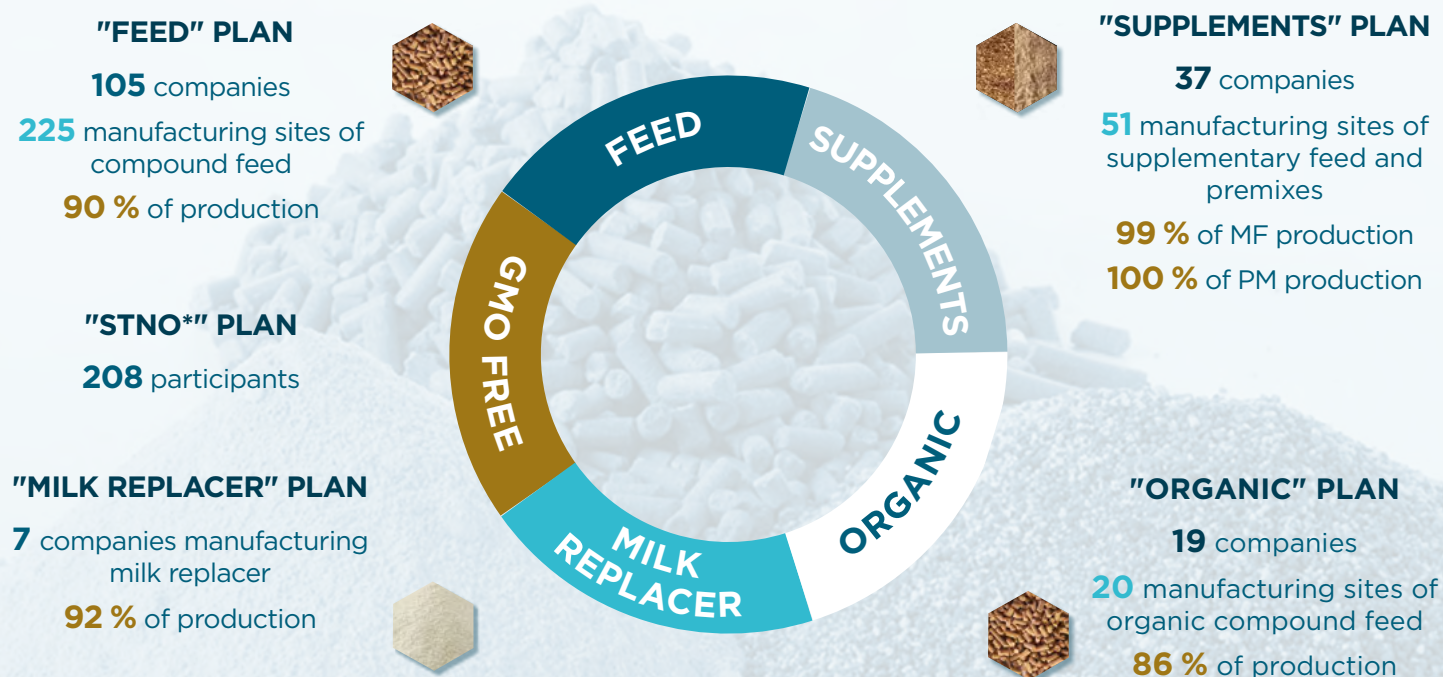
MUTUAL RECOGNITION

The work to maintain mutual recognition carried out in 2019 led to the **renewal of the temporary mutual recognition for one year**. Since 1st January 2020, to benefit from the mutual recognition with the GMP+, OVOCOM, QS and AIC schemes, sites certified according to the RCNA must comply with all points mentioned in version 5 of the RCNA and notably all of Appendix 1 : Purchases from certified suppliers, comply with unannounced audits and not use suppliers certified according to the supplier certification standard (RCF). **Certificates that meet these requirements will be designated "RCNA international"**. Only these certificates will be recognised in 2020. In 2019, one out of five RCNA certified sites met the conditions for obtaining the temporary mutual recognition.



Pooled Self-Monitoring plans

REPRESENTATIVE OF PLANS



PROFESSIONAL DIRECTIONS

The steering committees for the "Feed" and "Supplement" plans, the "Laboratory" working groups and the "Feed", "Milk Replacer", "Organic" and "STNO" plans made up of **professionals met 25 times in 2019 to run the plans.**



REFERENCED LABORATORIES

OQUALIM's requirements may change according to the needs expressed for the plans. One notable change in 2019 is the obligation for laboratories to work with pesticide packs of 200 molecules including 99 that are imposed. **As at the end of 2019, 44 laboratories had been referenced.**



AVAILABILITY OF RESULTS

In 2019, this represents **over 133,500 lines of results** serving the monitoring of the quality and feed safety. 11 alerts were relayed for all plans.

The Animal Nutrition Quality Portal (PQNA) was set up in February 2019 for the "Feed" and "STNO" plans. This redesigned version, updated with new technologies, replaces the previous portal.



USE OF DATA

The dioxin data from the "Feed" and "Supplement" plans were used to respond to a European call for data. The results for cereals and oilseeds from the "Feed" plan (2018 and 2019 campaigns) were transmitted to **be included in the Hyperion and PSO plans.**

OQUALIM, as a member of the **national platform of surveillance of the food chain (SCA Platform) and the National Optimisation of the Epidemiological monitoring of salmonella working group**, benefited from an **OASIS Flash study carried out by the ANSES** on the salmonella monitoring system. The assessment of the system has already provided very encouraging results. A report will be available during 2020.

Association's activities

WWW.OQUALIM.COM THE VERSION 2.0 OF OQUALIM'S WEBSITE

Announced in 2019, it was officially launched on 8th January 2020 :
welcome to the new website www.oqualim.com !



MORE INTUITIVE

This new website aims to allow smoother navigation, thanks to structured menus, interactive and ergonomic interfaces, search proposals and summaries. Each menu : Association, Certifications, Pooled self-monitoring plans, Expertise, enables access to information corresponding to the user's profile. The website's content pages are up-to-date and modular to facilitate and optimise reading. Updates are communicated regularly through our "News" heading and/or via our new newsletter format, according to your profile.

Navigate in "connected" mode to activate and benefit from access to all the information related to your OQUALIM profile.



MORE ACCESSIBLE

A website that intelligently adapts to all screen types (computer, mobile or tablet), to improve your user experience. An interactive carousel providing a quick overview of OQUALIM's news and new features is available on the website's homepage.

An English version of the site is also available, with an automatic language recognition system, to make OQUALIM readable for non-French speaking countries.

A secure, private and customised interface with a dashboard enables each participant in OQUALIM's actions to easily visualise and check the information listed and published for each of their company's sites, upload information onto the site, and register for a pooled self-monitoring plan or modify contact details.



MORE CONVIVIAL

The aim of our new website is to propose attractive and ergonomic pages, with clear content. You can get to know us better, contact us easily according to your requirements via the "Contact" space, accessible to all, and register to receive our news.

Thematic forms let you quickly ask questions, and direct and optimise their processing.

Different directories have been developed for simple information searches.

The "Company" directory lets you easily access information on all companies and participants : certificates and participation in OQUALIM pooled self-monitoring plans. The information that can be consulted in this section is updated in real-time.

The directory of certification bodies and referenced laboratories enables you to consult the services provided to meet OQUALIM certification and pooled self-monitoring plan needs. Each structure present on the website can be contacted using the links to its website or directly via the phone number in one click from a mobile phone.

Enjoy your browsing on www.oqualim.com

