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Latest documents

The documents posted online can be found in this tab of the home page.
For example, the update to the CSNA opinion on the criteria for water acceptability, appended to the Guide of Good Practice, is signposted on the home page, you can then find the opinion on the dedicated page <https://www.oqualim.com/fr/expertise/dossiers-thematiques/guide-bonnes-pratiques-nutrition-animale>. The appendices to the Guide of Good Practice evolve, and so the content of the guide may also be updated. The website will be the privileged space for news.



Our latest news

You can find an overview of our latest news on the home page. At the time of drafting this report, you can find a subject on **Ethylene oxide monitoring**, with an article in the Newsletter on Monitoring Plans. Navigate in “connected” mode to activate and benefit from access to all the information related to your OQUALIM profile.

Communication

Find all of our publications (newsletter, report and Inf’OQUALIM) as well as the rules for the use of the OQUALIM brand and logo.

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Partnership

On this page, you can find out about OQUALIM’s activities within other structures. You can find out more about OQUALIM’s participation in the activities of the food chain monitoring platform, for example. The report on the activity of the food chain monitoring platform can be found on the dedicated site <https://www.plateforme-sca.fr/>.



Title of the platform activities in which OQUALIM took part in 2020	Number of meetings in 2020	Progress of work
SCA platform steering committee	3 meetings	
ONDES (Optimisation Nationale des dispositifs de Surveillance des Salmonella - National Optimisation for Salmonella Monitoring Systems) working group	3 meetings	Completed in 2020
Case study on <i>Salmonella kedougou</i>		
Inter-platform working group: data quality	3 meetings	On-going
Prioritisation of chemical hazards working group	3 meetings	On-going
Cadmium working group	2 meetings	On-going, started in June 2020



Editorial

The feedback day on 29 April gave us the opportunity to review OQUALIM’s results for 2020. Once again, we were unable to conduct this meeting in person. With regret! The end of the COVID pandemic has still not been reached, although we are now closer to it than we were at the beginning.

2020 was significantly affected by this pandemic. OQUALIM’s participants were able to continue their activities to ensure the functioning of the food chain. Everyone was mobilised. We can congratulate ourselves for that. This shows the essential nature of our business, i.e. “Feeding people” and the reactivity of our companies and their teams who managed to work to ensure the continuity of their activities whilst maintaining projects for the future.

The teams at OQUALIM, QUALIMAT, AFCA-CIAL, the Coopération Agricole Nutrition Animale, the SNIA and the SDVF adapted to continue to certify animal nutrition production tools, and to ensure the management of the pooled self-monitoring plans.

I would like to address my thanks to all of these teams for their everyday work.

I would also like to take this opportunity to specifically thank the Certification Bodies. They were in the front line for audits whilst validating their accreditation. The accreditation of the certification bodies was a major issue in guaranteeing the integrity of the RCNA certification.

One of the challenges raised by the animal production sectors was to offer tools for animal feed safety that are accessible to all sector players. This challenge was met with a certification reference for suppliers of feed materials in 2020 and the opening up of certification to on-farm feed manufacturers in 2021.

Our mutual recognition with AIC, GMP+ International, OVOCOM and QS was enshrined over the long term. As French representatives, we were able to appreciate the quality of the discussions with the Belgian and Dutch representatives who were the mouthpiece for their German and British counterparts. In these agreements formalised in December 2020, we see evidence of a shared approach to quality and feed safety in Europe, that we can extend to major exports.

This is the accomplishment of work over several years. We must thank all of the successive OQUALIM Chairmen who committed to and implemented the actions that enabled us to achieve the signature of this agreement.

OQUALIM plays a significant role alongside all concerned stakeholders to offer animal feed safety and quality management supports.

Until next time, best regards,

Frédéric Monnier
Chairman of OQUALIM



Who are
we
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OQUALIM is an association whose aim is to provide solutions to help meet health safety and animal feed quality challenges. The association coordinates the collective approach by the French animal nutrition sector in terms of quality and health safety of animal feed. It has two main objectives: health safety 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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ANIMAL NUTRITION CERTIFICATION REFERENCE



Animal Nutrition Certification Reference – RCNA

310 certified sites
AC : 269 production sites (representing
94.3% of the production of complete
compound feed in France)
AM-PM : 41 production sites



Technical Platform “GMO-Free Feed” (STNO)

256 certified sites
AC : 222 certified sites
AM : 43 certified sites



Technical Platform “Equine nutrition” (STNE)

49 certified sites
AC : 45 certified sites
AM : 4 certified sites



9 Certification organisations
36 auditors

The majority of certificates concern manufacturing plants and cover all site activities. The certification applies to feed distribution sites, which represent less than 3% of the certificates, along with trading activities for manufacturing company groups. In 2021, the certification will open to on-farm feed manufacturers.

The certification bodies that issue RCNA certificates are all accredited for certification according to ISO 17065. In practice, the certification bodies are audited by the accreditation body, COFRAC or BELAC. This signifies that a company may be required to receive an auditor from the certifying body accompanied by an auditor from the accreditation body.

The affixing of the OQUALIM brand on the labelling of products manufactured by or from certified sites, mandatory since 1st January 2020, was implemented by the companies. OQUALIM's positive labelling meets the expectations of specifications and facilitates the work of breeders and their monitoring organisations. To meet the brand's requirements, all RCNA certified organisations take part in OQUALIM's pooled plans in line with their activities.

All certification players were able to adapt to meet the health conditions and travel restrictions and ensure the security and safety of their employees during this pandemic period. Adaptations to the certification protocol in line with the accreditation recommendations enabled continuity of certification without compromising on the expected level of requirements.

*<0.9%

AM: Mineral feed, PM: Premixtures, AC: Compound feed, milk replacer, liquid feed

Mutual recognition

Certificates indicating “RCNA International” are recognised as equivalent to FCA (OVOCOM), GMP+, QS and UFAS (AIC) certificates for the same scope of certification.

The “RCNA International” indication is obtained based on an RCNA certification without recognition of the suppliers' RCF certification and the requirement to enter an unannounced audit approach.

In December 2020, agreements were signed to maintain long-term mutual recognition.

Certification of suppliers of feed materials (RCF)

In 2020, the first certificates according to this new certification reference were issued. The audits were carried out by auditors qualified for this reference dedicated to suppliers of raw materials for use in the production of animal feed.



Technical Platform “Equine Nutrition”

Work to update this technical platform began during the second half-year 2020. The original 2014 version should evolve towards a second version applicable in 2022.



Technical Platform “GMO-free Feed”

In 2020, the scope of the STNO certification was aligned with the RCNA associated with composite feed. A mutual recognition agreement existed between the STNO and VLOG certification references. An equivalence was established at the end of 2020 between the STNO certification and the GMP+MI105 certification for equivalent scopes supplemented by a health safety management certificate.

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Self-monitoring plans



REPRESENTATIVENESS OF PLANS

Feed Plan

124 companies
247 production sites
90.5% of production

Plan Compléments

51 companies
66 production sites of
supplementary feed and
premixtures
Almost all of the production

Plan STNO

219 participants

Plan aliments d'allaitement

6 companies
92.3% of production

Plan Bio

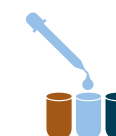
25 manufacturing sites
85% of annual French
production



Professional orientations

In 2020, the rules for participating in the Supplement Plan were restated (analysis method, reporting of results, management of alerts...). This led for the first time to a training module for participants (33 registered).

The steering committees for the Feed Plan and Supplement Plan, the laboratory working groups and working groups for feed, milk replacer, organic feed and STNO plans comprising **professionals met 13 times in 2020 to ensure the plan operations.**



Referenced laboratories

OQUALIM's requirements change according to the needs expressed for the plans. A convention is signed between the laboratories and OQUALIM. This convention, which was updated in 2016, was subject to discussions about a new version in 2020.

As at end 2020, 42 laboratories were referenced.



Availability of results

In 2020, across all plans, over **14 700** samples were analysed.

18 alerts were relayed across all plans. The Animal Nutrition Quality Portal (PQNA) was commissioned in 2019. It receives the feed, organic feed, milk replacer and STNO plans. In 2020, QUALIMAT conducted a survey of participants in these plans and approved laboratories on the use of the portal.



Use of data

The results for cereals and oleaginous crops in the 2019 and 2020 feed plan campaign were sent for participation in the Hyperion and PSO plan. You can find an overview of the results of the OASIS Flash study carried out by the ANSES on the salmonella monitoring system in the **2021 Newsletter on Monitoring Plans**. Data on Cadmium was sent to the Cadmium working group on the Food Chain Surveillance Platform.