

2022 Report

Editorial

“Serving feed safety”

Feed safety is a timeless challenge, as the situations we have experienced over the last three years remind us. In terms of feed safety, we need to constantly adapt to a changing context, for which we will only quote a few initial facts. Sources of feed materials that are changing, leading to new universes to be managed, in line with the needs and questions of the animal production sector. Scientific expertise that reveals up-to-now unknown threats, areas of work to be explored. The need to provide the earliest possible warning, provide faster and fine-tuned responses. Technological changes that enable better traceability thanks to the blockchain, data that requires interoperability with a return on

investment that is difficult to quantify. Sustainable models that must have a holistic approach on the three health areas - human, animal, plant - sustainability, animal well-being. All of this within national, community, global contexts where rules may differ. While current events challenge a number of our certainties, the one thing that is certain at the level of our professional sector is that we have been able to show resilience and implement functional tools to serve feed safety. In 2022, we began thinking about how to consolidate our model and better take into account all of the challenges we face. At the end of my third year as Chairman, I can leave my successor in June with a roadmap for the years to come. ■



Frédéric MONNIER
Chairman of OQUALIM

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 safety 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). ■

Certification

Professional orientations

The certification steering and monitoring committees, the specific profession working groups for STNO and STNE comprising **professionals met 11 times in 2022 to maintain and develop the certification programmes.**

Certification organisations Third party audits

As at end 2022, 7 Certification organisations were approved.

37 auditors were qualified to carry out RCNA audits. 2 Certification monitoring committees with the certification organisations.

All RCNA approved certification organisations are accredited ISO 17065 for this programme.

References serving company health safety management

The references developed by OQUALIM, RCNA, RCF, STNO and STNE, serving the management of feed safety, the technical platforms covering the specificities of "GMO-free fed $< 0.9\%$ " and equine nutrition specifications. These are freely accessible on [OQUALIM's website](#). In November 2022, 4 webinar sessions were organised to inform about certification programme developments.

Collaborative work participants

A round table was organised to consolidate the [mutual recognition](#) of the international RCNA, notably with the European GMP+ International, OVOCOM, QS, AIC systems.

As a member of the "Certifications Accreditation Commission", OQUALIM participates in the work carried out by the COFRAC to monitor accreditation standards. ■

Key figures



ANIMAL NUTRITION CERTIFICATION REFERENCE (RCNA)

340
certified sites

269
CF certified sites

95%
of the production of complete compound feed in France

110
RCNA International certified sites

51
certified sites MF-PM



TECHNICAL PLATFORM "EQUINE NUTRITION" (STNE)

51
certified sites

44
Complete Feed sites

7
Supplementary Feed sites



TECHNICAL PLATFORM "GMO FREE FED $< 0.9\%$ " (STNO)

300
certified sites

246
Complete Feed sites

54
Supplementary Feed sites



SUPPLIER CERTIFICATION REFERENCE (RCF)

22
certified sites



Self-monitoring plans

2022 Report on pooled self-monitoring plans

Feed Plan

125 participating companies for **254** manufacturing sites of complete feed representing **95%** of annual French production.

Organic Plan

21 participating companies for **26** manufacturing sites of complete organic feed, representing **90 %** of annual French production.

Representativeness of plans

Key figures

Supplement Plan

50 participating companies for **66** manufacturing sites of supplementary feed and premixtures, representing **almost all** of annual French production.

STNO Plan

270 participating sites.

Milk replacer Plan

6 participating manufacturing companies of milk replacer feed, representing **94%** of annual French production.

Professional orientations

The steering committees for the feed plan and supplement plan, the laboratory working groups for the feed, milk replacer feed, organic feed and STNO plans comprising **professionals met 11 times in 2022 to ensure the plan operations.**

Referenced laboratories Analytical monitoring

At end 2022, 45 laboratories were referenced. The referencing concerns bacteriology, metallic trace elements, botanical impurities, mycotoxins, persistent organic pollutants, pesticide residues and genetically modified events.

Use of data Collaborative work

The results on cereals and oilseed crops, 2021 and 2022 campaign feed

plans integrated the Hyperion monitoring plan and the Oilseed Monitoring Plan (PSO).

Participation in the PSO steering committees and cereal sector monitoring plan to actively contribute to the organisation of monitoring of undesirable substances.

Participation in the Steering Committee of the Food Chain Surveillance Platform, the Cadmium Working Group, the "Prioritisation of chemical hazards", "Salmonella Monitoring" and "Data Quality" Monitoring Groups.

Publication in November 2022 of an article "Preparation of a practical guide for quality data" ("[Elaboration d'un guide pratique pour des données de qualité](#)") in the Epidemiological Journal.

Preparation of a practical guide for quality data: a webinar is planned for 19 June 2023 to present the quality data guide and the related supports.

Availability of results serving company health safety management

In 2022, across all plans, the results of over 15,000 samples were pooled, 16 alerts were relayed. 5 annual summaries were prepared for companies participating in the plans. ■



Roadmap

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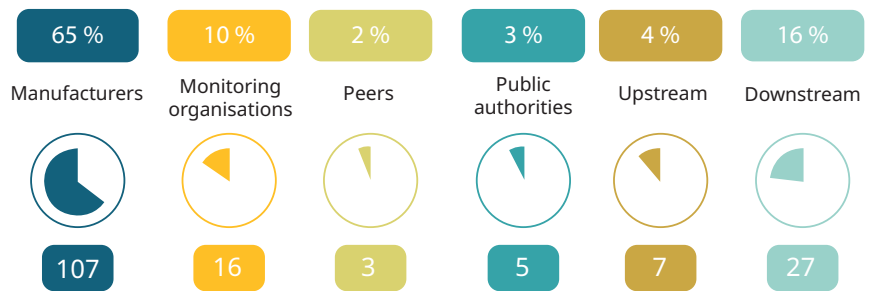
Positioning

In 2022, a survey was carried out on behalf of the association with all of OQUALIM's stakeholders in order to:

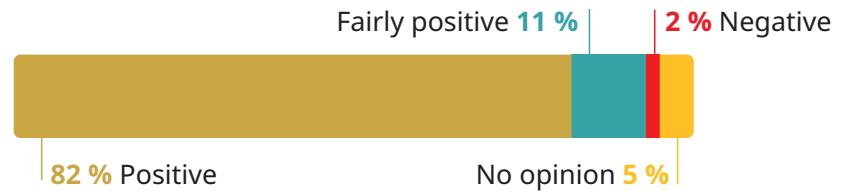
- > Provide an assessment of the "perception" of OQUALIM's activities
- > Identify development factors to be taken into consideration
- > Highlight potential needs

We would like to thank you for your participation.

Sample structure



Perception



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Summary of the expectations expressed

Reinforcing

- > Support for feed manufacturers in implementing feed safety,
- > Pooling of results of contaminant monitoring plans and watch,
- > Communication to raise awareness and promote recognition.

Creating bridges to extend the association's know-how to other concerns such as CSR, for example, to meet the need for the traceability of raw materials in animal feed.

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Taking into account the development factors and expressed needs

The established roadmap remains on track.

- > Continuity of the association's historical activities, consolidation of actions to promote feed safety.
- > Communication actions with all stakeholders to raise awareness and understanding of OQUALIM's purpose.
- > The association's know-how put to work serving the challenges identified by the profession, assistance support for stakeholders.

In 2023, OQUALIM will consolidate its organisation and construct the stages of this roadmap. We will post stage photos !