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Statement

Oqualim, Qualimat and Qualimat Sud-Ouest have today merged to strengthen the performance, visibility and recognition of the French animal feed sector in terms of feed safety issues, at three levels: regional, national and international.

As a result of this merger, from 1st of January 2025 the new structure will bring together, under the name of Oqualim, all the professionals in the animal feed sector, federating their approach, expertise and operational solutions for today and tomorrow, in the service of quality management and the animal feed safety.

Recognized for their commitment and operational solutions, Oqualim, Qualimat and Qualimat Sud-Ouest are joining their forces in a single structure. This will bring together manufacturers of feed, premixes, mineral feed, liquid feed and specialities, and will also include among its partners professional suppliers of feed materials and representatives of companies involved in collection, storage and transport. This grouping will lead to greater coherence of sectoral requirements, in line with the Guidance for Good Practices of Animal Nutrition.

This collective initiative approach should reinforce the international recognition of French standards, such as the Certification Standard Animal Nutrition (RCNA) and its «Sustainable Soy» module (SDNA), the Technical Platform “GMO-free feed” (STNO Socle Technique « Nourri sans OGM ») and the Technical Platform Equine Nutrition (STNE), the Certification standard for suppliers of feed materials (RCF), supported by Oqualim, or the Qualimat-Transport standard.



The harmonized, integrated and impartial application of certification protocols, built by and for French professionals, is based on the involvement of certification bodies (CBs) and auditors, trained and respectful of these protocols. The continuity of the collaborations established between associations and CBs will guarantee the robustness and recognition of certified French companies in the future.

« *This structuring project, which respects the values and fundamentals of the profession, will strengthen the approaches and experience acquired in risk analysis, monitoring, control and certification. This success will serve all animal production sectors and ensure the safety of our food safety.* » ([Statement, sept. 2023](#)).

The optimization of resources and mutual actions, or the development of new services, are intended to encourage all French animal feed professionals to join, as already more than 310 companies are collectively engaged in a resolutely dynamic sector, to face the new challenges, including decarbonisation.

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