

Mutual Recognition Agreement

Between

GMP+ International B.V., Braillelaan 9, 2289 CL Rijswijk, The Netherlands, registered at the Chamber of Commerce under number 27364542, represented by Martine Boon, Managing Director, referred to hereafter as 'GMP+ International'.

And

OQUALIM sas, 41 bis, bd La Tour-Maubourg 75007 Paris, France with Registration SIRET number 511 144 149 000 16, represented by Pascal Le Paih President of the Board, referred to hereafter as 'OQUALIM'.

Together referred to hereafter as 'Parties'

Considering that:

- GMP+ International manages the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme (GMP+ FC), with the following modules: the GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance (GMP+ FSA) module with GMP+ standards for companies in the feed value chain as well as the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance (GMP+ FRA) module with a standard for non-GMO feed.
- OQUALIM manages the Référentiel de Certification de la Nutrition Animale (RCNA) OQUALIM scheme with a RCNA International standard for a feed safety certification.
- OQUALIM manages the Socle Technique "Nourri Sans OGM" (STNO) standard for non-GMO feeding according to EU regulations.
- OQUALIM, merged with Qualimat and Qualimat Sud-Ouest on 1st January 2025, leading to the formation of Oqualim.
- GMP+ International and Oqualim had a Mutual Recognition Agreement based on the GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance (FSA) scheme, the RCNA International Standard and Qualimat Transport.

Agree the following:

Scope of the agreement

- (1) Parties consider the GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance scheme of GMP+ International and the RCNA International standard of OQUALIM as exchangeable for the scope mentioned in section 2. Certificates with scopes and activities not falling under or deviant from these scopes are under no circumstances accepted.

- (2) Section 1 only concerns the right to deliver into each other's scheme, based on a valid GMP+ FSA for feed or RCNA International certificate and as far as it concerns the scopes as mentioned below.
 - I. Only companies having a valid GMP+FSA certificate for the scopes mentioned under II are authorized to deliver goods or services as equivalent to the RCNA international certified companies.
 - II. Only companies having a valid RCNA International certificate with one or more of the following scopes are authorized to deliver goods to a GMP+ FSA certified company.
 - a. Production and placing on the market of compound feed, mineral feed, liquid feed, milk replacers and/or premixtures.
 - b. Processing of feed materials.
 - c. Distribution of compound feeds, mineral feeds, liquid feeds, milk replacers and/or premixtures.
 - d. Distribution of feed materials or additives for animal feed.
 - e. Trade in animal feed (producer or distributor of compound feed or premixtures with the designation "RCNA International" specified on the certificate or belongs to a group of companies of which at least one company is certified as above).

Notes for RCNA International:

- Processing feed materials activities are certified only for sites producing compound feed.

- Companies with the scope distribution and trade must comply with the RCNA International standard, excluding purchasing from suppliers certified under the RCF standard.

- Companies with the scope distribution of feed materials and trade of feed or feed materials or feed additives must be combined with a manufacturing or distribution activity for pre-mixtures or compound feed including mineral feeds, milk replacers and/or liquid feeds.

- Definition of Group of Companies as stated in RCNA Certification Standard Animal Nutrition. Group of Companies: A consortium made of companies each having their own legal existence but bound to one another by various relations by virtue of which one of them referred to as "parent company", holds others dependent on it, exercises control on the group and ensures unity of decision making.
- (3) The GMP+ FRA MI5.4 standard of GMP+ International and the STNO standard of OQUALIM are considered as exchangeable.
- (4) Road Transport for Feed (formerly Qualimat Transport Agreement)
 - I. Suppliers' cross approval by mutual recognition of each other's certifications
 - II. scheme covering road transport for feed.
 - III. Collaboration with regard to conditions for road transport for these products
 - IV. Framework for collaboration of topics in mutual interest.
- (5) Based on this principle and the conditions mentioned in this agreement, the companies certified for one of the certification schemes mentioned in section 1, 2 and 3 are entitled to supply products or services to companies certified for the other certification scheme. Both parties ensure that the scope of the certificates is mentioned on the issued certificates as well as published on their website in a public register of certified companies.
- (6) Parties are committed to communicating about this agreement and informing their participants accurately about the scope and content of this mutual recognition.

Exchange of information

- (7) Both Parties undertake the necessary actions to enter prior consultation with one another on proposed changes to the applicable requirements. In case prior consultation is not possible due to the introduction of urgent changes, parties commit to making one another aware of such changes as soon as possible and to agree on a specific timeframe for the implementation of the changes. In case of fundamental changes each party reserves its right to cancel this agreement for important and justifiable reasons.
- (8) Sanctioning and exclusion of companies
 - The RCNA International, QUALIMAT and STNO participants are subjected exclusively to the system and the sanction conditions of OQUALIM. The GMP+ FC participants are subjected exclusively to the system and sanction conditions of GMP+ International.
 - Parties agree on respecting each other's sanctions and sanction periods, especially in the case of a suspension or a withdrawal of a certificate during a fixed period. If

a company's certificate has been withdrawn, the other Party shall abide by the former party's exclusion period and shall not accept participation in its certification scheme by that company or the legal entity that owns the entity whose certificate was withdrawn.

- Both Parties will immediately inform each other about suspensions and withdrawal of certificates in their schemes via newsletter and or visibility of company/certificate status on their websites.

- (9) To ensure fast and effective exchange of information in the case of an incident one person responsible for the exchange of appropriate data must be defined within each Party.

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- (10) If a company, certified under either RCNA International or GMP+ FSA and either STNO or GMP+ MI5.4, is involved in an incident where legal limits in feed are breached in a way that the functioning of the other scheme is affected, both Parties are obliged to provide each other, in agreement with the concerned company, with relevant information on a confidential basis.

- (11) Parties will support each other with experience and knowledge about the functioning of the scheme. If it is considered necessary, they can establish working groups to study (technical) items. Preferably, these working groups will be multilateral, which means that also other parties, who have come to a mutual agreement with OQUALIM as well with GMP+ International, are invited to participate.

- (12) If one of the Parties receives a request to seek mutual recognition with another certification scheme for feed safety assurance, the relevant party shall inform the other party accordingly. For the sake of consistency and harmonization, both parties shall carry out the benchmark procedure jointly, but the final decision will lie with each Party. If a Party will reach a mutual recognition agreement with a third party unilateral, it is not in the scope of this mutual recognition agreement, unless Parties agree about it by adjusting this agreement.

Internal scheme control

- (13) Each Party is authorised to request the other one to conduct an additional audit on companies where concerns about compliance have been found. OQUALIM is entitled to conduct an additional audit at a GMP+ certified company in cooperation with GMP+

International. Conversely, GMP+ International is entitled to conduct an additional audit on a RCNA International, QUALIMAT and/or STNO certified company in cooperation with OQUALIM.

- (14) Parties are entitled to engage their own certification bodies concerned to perform the requested audits.
- (15) The costs of these additional audits are paid by the Party that has initiated the audit. In case severe violation against the applicable scheme requirements is detected, the involved Party obligates the company concerned to bear the cost arising out of this additional audit.
- (16) OQUALIM grants GMP+ International the possibility to carry out witness or parallel audits at RCNA International, QUALIMAT and STNO certified companies. The other way around GMP+ International grants OQUALIM to do the same at GMP+ FSA and GMP+ FRA MI5.4 certified companies.
- (17) Point 13 and 16 shall, if possible, be carried out jointly (joint audit team) if the concerned companies give their approval for such audits. The results of these audits will be forwarded to the other party immediately on a confidential basis.

Term of the agreement

- (18) This agreement shall take effect upon its signature by both parties. It will be valid from 01 January 2026 until 31 December 2028.
- (19) Each Party has the right to terminate the agreement immediately for an important reason following a period of notice of four three (3) months. For example, if schemes are diverging on key elements, or if parts of this agreement are not fulfilled.
- (20) Infringement of the provisions of this agreement and failing to remedy the infringement within a reasonable period can be such an important reason. The agreement can be terminated by one of both parties by means of a registered letter.
- (21) Parties indemnify each other against mutual liability or third-party liability for any direct or indirect damage resulting from the execution of the agreement. Unless the damage can be imputed to an owner the damage is limited to the maximum amount of the owner's liability insurance.
- (22) The Parties agree that the renewal and continued validity of this Agreement are subject to the implementation of conditions and milestones as set out in Annex, which is based on the findings of the OQUALIM Integrity Assessment.

- (23) GMP+ International may, at its discretion, set specific conditions for OQUALIM to address identified areas for improvement in governance, certification process, and oversight mechanisms.
- (24) OQUALIM commits to achieving these milestones within the three-year period of this Agreement. Progress will be reviewed annually, and GMP+ International reserves the right to request corrective actions or additional measures if milestones are not met in a timely manner.
- (25) Failure to meet the agreed conditions and milestones, or to remedy any significant shortcomings within a reasonable period, may constitute an important reason for termination as described in Clause (19) and (20).

Disputes

- (26) In case of conflict in respect of this agreement, the parties shall use their respective reasonable endeavors to set the matter amicably. In case an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the parties will endeavor to resolve the conflict using mediation.
- (27) If not resolved by mediation, place of fulfilment and venue for all disputes arising from this agreement shall be the seat of the defending party. The law of the defending party's country must be applied.

Fees

There are no fees established based on this agreement. Any financial concern that will arise during the course of this agreement shall be discussed and agreed upon by parties prior to any decision.

Miscellaneous

- Parties will not make use of mutual recognition in any way which might bring each other's scheme into discredit. Parties will not make any statement with respect to the mutual recognition, which is or could be misleading or is unauthorised. In the event of misuse of this agreement the infringed Party retains the right to claim the damage created from the responsible party.
- In the event of suspension or withdrawal of mutual recognition, use will no longer be made in any way whatsoever of advertising which makes any reference to each other's scheme.
- There are no oral ancillary agreements to this agreement. Amendments and supplements must be in writing to be effective if this agreement does not describe otherwise.
- If any provision of this agreement is or becomes invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions in this agreement shall remain unaffected. In such case, the agreement shall be

supplemented in such manner that the commercial intent of the invalid provisions is preserved. The same applies if upon execution of this agreement an omission is discovered.

- Parties commit themselves to respect confidentiality about any business or company related information that comes to their knowledge based on this agreement if each other's party has obvious or potential interest for confidentiality.
- Parties confirm receipt of a copy of this agreement and of the appendices to this agreement and acknowledge that these appendices are a valid part of this agreement.
- Parties will pay attention to compliance with the rules of impartiality of the CBs in each country involved, whatever their mode of governance.

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Rijswijk, _____ January 2026

On behalf of GMP+ International B.V.



Martine Boon
Managing Director

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Paris, _____ January 2026

On behalf of OQUALIM sas



Pascal Le Paih
President of the Board

ANNEX: Conditions and milestones based on Integrity Assessment

These conditions and milestones are not imposed unilaterally but are based on the findings and recommendations of the Integrity Assessment report dated 13 November 2025. The goal is to ensure that OQUALIM’s integrity and commitment to the market are maintained at the same high level as GMP+ International, with progress evaluated annually over the three-year agreement period.

Condition (s)	Why is this needed	Milestones		
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement conflict-of-interest policy 	To ensure impartial decisions and transparency and to avoid bias ensuring fair decisions for all stakeholders involved in the scheme	Governance Charter approved; impartiality committee set up and communicated.	Strengthen the separation between governance (Board/committees) and operational execution (Director/Secretariat). This will be included in the annual evaluation between GMP+ and Oqualim.	External governance review completed and update when needed. The <i>common understanding of Mutual Recognitions</i> document is leading. However, this will remain part of the annual evaluation to ensure that both parties’ expectations are met
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include integrity assessment of CBs as part of the CB office audit prior to approval. 	To confirm trustworthiness of CBs	Audit protocol finalised; pilot audit conducted	Witness audits for all new CBs; results published	All CBs audited before approval; audit outcomes reviewed externally
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide detailed clarification on the independence and impartiality of Exaris (the audit body). 	To show audit body is neutral	Exaris governance and financial separation documented	Certificate register updated timely; CB performance and sanctions published.	External governance review completed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broaden stakeholder representation 	To include more perspectives and build trust. Ensures independence by making decisions in the interest of entire community.	Independent or non-industry perspective may be involved where appropriate, provide advice and recommendations, while final decisions remain with the scheme owner.	Stakeholder diversity reviewed and increased; feedback collected.	Stakeholder representation assessed in governance review.

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