

NEW YEAR BRINGS CHANGES TO SF/SF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, DATABASE AND CODES

The American Feed Industry Association's Safe Feed/Safe Food (SF/SF) Certification Program closed out another successful year. As time progresses, change is inevitable, and the program recently welcomed changes to its administration, added a new certifying body, went to a new database, and updated a couple of codes, and more is in store for 2018.

Kori Chung, AFIA's legislative and regulatory assistant, is now the AFIA administrative contact for all issues and concerns related to SF/SF certifications (FSC32, FSC34, FSC36 and International Safe Feed/Safe Food). Paul Davis, Ph.D., AFIA's director of quality, animal food safety and education, serves as the program's technical advisor. Both Chung and Davis have been working diligently for the past few months in preparation for this transition.

AFIA recently added Food Safety Net Services (FSNS) as a certifying body for FSC36 audits to better serve participating rendering facilities. FSNS is the fifth certifying body recognized by AFIA to complete FSC36 SF/SF audits. An updated listing of the program's certifying bodies, along with the key contacts, can be viewed on the website at safefeedsafefood.org. More information on FSNS can be found at fns.com.

In October 2016, the Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI), an industry partner on the program, chose ReposiTrak®, Inc., a provider in compliance management and track and trace solutions for food, pharma and dietary supplement safety, to manage its database. The partnership benefits SQFI's thousands of registered suppliers, in addition to its certification bodies and auditors, in managing the audit process from the initial request and payment through to the collection of results and reporting.

As part of the initiative, ReposiTrak hosts and provides exclusive access to SQFI's audit results database. The move should provide SQFI stakeholders with a fast and friendly experience and allow them access to a broader product safety platform. ReposiTrak enables new compliance capabilities and easier registration for all users. Companies that are new to SQF FSC36 certification now have the ability to register their facilities within the ReposiTrak system.



Companies already certified in the FSC36 certification program will continue to use the Reliance assessment database until further notice.

A couple of updates have recently gone into effect on some of the audit codes. Beginning Jan. 2, FSC32 and FSC34 audits will be conducted to the SQF Code, Edition 8. The SQFI website provides many resources to ensure those certified facilities are fully prepared to comply with the new standard.

Our International Safe Feed/Safe Food partner, FAMI-QS, and its team of experienced and active experts, revised its code in order to better ensure feed safety and quality of specialty feed ingredients. Subsequently, FAMI-QS published its Code of Practice Version 6, which went into effect Oct. 2, 2017. ■

If you have questions about this information or need information about Safe Feed/Safe Food certifications, contact Paul Davis, Ph.D., AFIA's director of quality, animal food safety and education, at (703) 650-0146 or pdavis@afia.org, or Kori Chung, AFIA's legislative and regulatory assistant, at (703) 666-8862 or kcchung@afia.org.

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