

Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification: A Road Toward FSMA Compliance



Is your head spinning with questions about Food Safety Modernization Act compliance? It probably is if you are a person responsible for a facility that processes, packs or holds animal food. FSMA has been identified by the Food and Drug Administration as “the most sweeping reform of food safety laws in more than 70 years,” and compliance to the rules can certainly seem like an overwhelming task.

The American Feed Industry Association’s third-party certification program, FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food, can provide an excellent roadmap toward FSMA compliance. AFIA’s Quality and Animal Food Safety Committee recently revised the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food Guidance Document to include clear references and expectations relative to FSMA compliance. The guidance includes sections on current good manufacturing practices (CGMP) and record-keeping requirements, as well as the food safety plan and hazard analysis. The revised guidance document (version 7.0) can be found on the Safe Feed/Safe Food website.

AFIA created and released the FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification program in 2004. Since then, facilities can now receive certifications in four areas, including:

- FSC36, which is the standard Safe Feed/Safe Food program,
- FSC32 for pet food and pet food ingredients,
- FSC34, which is benchmarked with the Global Food Safety Initiative, and
- International Safe Feed/Safe Food in partnership with FAMI-QS. This is made available in cooperation with its European counterpart, the Feed Additives and Premixtures Association, also known as FEFANA.

To learn more about the firms engaged and certified in any of these programs, visit the website.

The FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food certification is one of the best ways that a facility can come into compliance with FSMA. To learn more about what the certification process looks like, check out the FSC36 SF/SF Certification Process document, located under the “Join/Renew” page on the Safe Feed/Safe Food website at www.safefeedsafefood.org. It explains the step-by-step process for certification and outlines the expected costs. ■

For more information about the program, contact Gary Huddleston, AFIA’s director of feed manufacturing and regulatory affairs, at (703) 666-8854 or ghuddleston@afia.org.

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Recently Certified Facilities

Facility	City	State / Province	Country	Type
Ameri-Pac, Inc.	St. Joseph	Missouri	U.S.	FSC32 Manufacture of Pet Food, FSC34 Manufacture of Animal Feeds, FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Animal Science Products, Inc.	Nacogdoches	Texas	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
APC, Inc.	Boone	Iowa	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food

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APC, Inc.	Sublette	Kansas	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
APC, Inc.	Dubuque	Iowa	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Buffalo Molasses	N. Java	New York	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Champion Petfoods	Morinville	Alberta	Canada	FSC32 Manufacture of Pet Food, FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Columbia Farms of Georgia Inc. - Comer Feed Mill	Comer	Georgia	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Consolidated Terminals and Logistics Co.	Aurora	Indiana	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Consolidated Terminals and Logistics Co.	Jeffersonville	Indiana	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Consolidated Terminals and Logistics Co.	North Bend	Ohio	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
CP Feeds, LLC	Valders	Wisconsin	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Darling Ingredients Inc.	Newberry	Indiana	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Darling Ingredients Inc.	Russellville	Kentucky	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
McFleeg of South Dakota	Watertown	South Dakota	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
National Lime & Stone Company - Carey Dried Dolomite Plant	Carey	Ohio	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
National Lime & Stone Company - Upper Sandusky Packaging Plant	Upper Sandusky	Ohio	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Paragon Specialty Products, LLC	Rainsville	Alabama	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Shakespeare Mills Inc.	Shakespeare	Ontario	Canada	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Texas Feed Fat Company	Hereford	Texas	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Tyson Foods	Waterloo	Iowa	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Tyson Foods - Logansport Rendering Plant	Logansport	Indiana	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Tyson Foods - Madison Processed Meats	Nadison	Nebraska	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
Valley Proteins - Veribest	San Angelo	Texas	U.S.	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food
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West Coast Reduction Ltd Edmonton	Edmonton	Alberta	Canada	FSC36 Safe Feed/Safe Food