

What is the Feed Chain Alliance Standard?

The Feed Chain Alliance Standard is a reliable and internationally accepted quality system created by the joint efforts of the whole feed sector. Its purpose is to guarantee feed safety and quality throughout the entire feed chain. The standard is managed by OVOCOM, the Belgian consultation platform for the feed sector.

The Standard was formerly known as GMP Animal Feed. In 2015, OVOCOM highlighted the importance of the vertical approach by renaming the standard to Feed Chain Alliance Standard. In all other respects, the standard remains exactly as before.



Basic principles

- Requirements for production, processing, trading, storing and transport of feed;
- Legal and sector based requirements, including Good Manufacturing and Management Practices;
- Mandatory company-specific HACCP-plan;
- Third party certification by accredited, independent certification bodies.

Key features



International

The FCA Standard can be applied in all countries.



Certification

Its application is certified by third parties operating under accreditation ISO 17021 and/or ISO 17065.



Correct

To be FCA certified means: to guarantee customers and control institutions that your company operates in compliance with the European Legislation.



Safety & quality

Products and services bearing the FCA logo are associated with an internationally approved quality and feed safety guarantee.



Who is OVOCOM ?

OVOCOM is the Belgian consultation platform for the feed sector. We manage the Feed Chain Alliance Standard which is committed to, day in, day out, provide feed companies with a **feed safety system** that is reliable, credible and affordable.

OVOCOM was founded in 2001. From the beginning, OVOCOM resolutely opted for a **vertical chain approach**: a close cooperation between the four links of the feed chain - feed industry, trade, transport and food industry. Indeed, all 4 sectors share the same vision: to ensure feed safety and quality throughout the entire chain of production, trade, storage and transport. The result of this collaboration was the publication of the first version of our Feed Safety Standard, **GMP Animal Feed**. This standard is a set of legal and sector-based requirements for companies active in the abovementioned sectors.

OVOCOM has expanded the vertical chain approach even further. Both the downstream stakeholders as well as the upstream stakeholders, such as agricultural organizations, agro-industrial processors, wholesale distribution and the consumer organizations, are structurally **informed and involved** in our operation.



From the very beginning, OVOCOM has upheld the **interchangeability** at international level. At European level, OVOCOM is considered a reliable partner and a knowledge center. The Feed Chain Alliance Standard has become an internationally accepted and respected feed safety and quality system. OVOCOM has concluded interchangeability agreements with, among others, [GMP+ International](#), [Fami-QS](#) and [Qualität und Sicherheit](#).



Within Belgium, the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC), has approved several **'self-checking guides'** since 2005. OVOCOM was the first to introduce such a guide for the feed industry, the Self Checking Guide Animal Feed (G-001). In 2015, the FASFC declared the GMP Animal Feed Standard [equivalent](#) to the Self Checking Guide Animal Feed (G-001). This means that the Feed Chain Alliance Standard is fully supported by the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain. Even more, since FASFC has more confidence in businesses with a validated self-checking system, it has put the requirement to have a validated self-checking system as an [explicit condition](#) to deliver export certificates for export to third countries.

