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#### AMENDED GMP DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF (FORMER) FOODSTUFFS

As already announced in Newsletter 46 (23/7/2014), OVOCOM and GMP+ International are harmonizing the purchase conditions for (former) foodstuffs. This also includes part of the 'By-products for reprocessing' as described in the GMP Animal feed (OVOCOM).

To this end OVOCOM shall publish, a specific protocol, e.g. module 3 included in GMP-document '**BT-04: Purchase: Specific purchase protocols**'.

This new protocol shall make it possible to purchase certain (former) foodstuffs and 'By-products for reprocessing', originating for non GMP certified food companies. The application of the protocol in question, is limited to production companies. The protocol in question imposes important conditions to which the buyer, the GMP-Certified feed producer, must comply.

The main elements of the protocol are:

- The scope: here it specifies the kind of (former) foodstuffs, allowed to be purchased under the protocol in question, and by whom.
- The specific conditions in relation to:
  - o A written HACCP-based hazard analysis of (former) foodstuffs, and the production process;
  - o The reasons as to why a product is sold to the feed sector. These reasons should also be part of the HACCP study;
  - o Monitoring;
  - o Audits: through mandatory execution of at least one audit on the premises of the food company, prior to the first delivery, and subsequently at least one audit per year, to be executed by each GMP-certified buyer. Every third year the audit in question must be executed by a certification body (OCI), approved by OVOCOM;
  - o A compilation of all information that has been used into a 'A product Data sheet' or 'processing card', required to be verified at least once a year;
  - o The communication between the different parties involved.

These new purchase conditions shall also result in a modification of document '**CC-01: Rules of Certification**'. A new point has been added, namely Point 8.8 'Audit in the context of document 'BT-04: Purchase: Specific purchase protocols'. This new point describes the requirements to which certification bodies (OCI) and auditors, must comply. Moreover, it lays down the minimum audit time for food companies, as well as the kind of communication that is required from the certification body (OCI) to the different parties, concerned by the application of the protocol.

In GMP document '**BT-02: Purchase: General Provisions**' the adapted conditions are included in point 6.1 'Purchase of feed materials' and in point 6.5 'Purchase of 'By-products for reprocessing'.

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