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Introduction





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1. Structure

The Feed Chain Alliance Standard consists of 3 series of documents:

- Part A
- Part B
- Part C

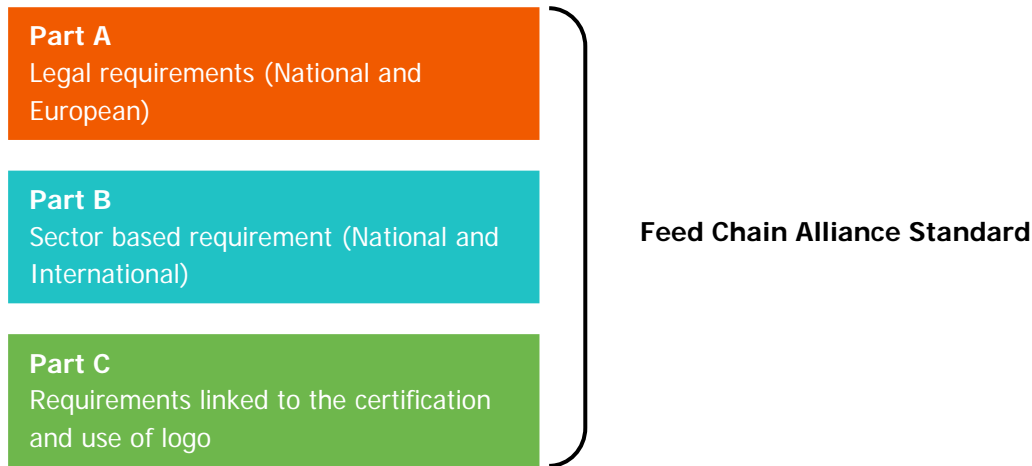


Fig. 1: Structure of Feed Chain Alliance Standard

Part A contains most of the regulatory requirements included in national and European legislation related to the animal feed sector. These provisions are sorted by sub-sector (activities).

They are expressed in a way so as to render them more accessible and easily applicable to the reality of the company.

Part B contains sector-based requirements as defined between the sub-sectors at national level and the international partners, as part of the interchangeability between the systems.

Parts A and B contain all FCA requirements applicable to activities performed by a food company, wishing to obtain or retain a FCA certification for those activities.

In parallel with these 2 parts, part C contains various documents related to the practical aspect of certification, use of the logo, recalls and sanctions.

2. Definitions

By-products for reprocessing

By-products, derived exclusively from the food sector, but are not compliant with the definition "Feed materials" (cf. Art 3.g) to Regulation (EC) 767/2009, may only be used as "Feed materials" after a specific treatment (heat treatment, removal of packaging, etc.).


In the French language, the term 'écart de production à transformer' may replace the term 'flux connexes à transformer', if those by-products for reprocessing are only composed of products discarded during a specific stage of the production chain of a food business. The nature of the

production must also be mentioned (e.g. by-products discarded from the production of breakfast cereals, and products discarded from the production of confectionery).

3. Application scope of FCA Certification

- a. Companies can be FCA certified:
- If they are owners (manufacturer or trader) of feed or 'by-products for reprocessing'; or
 - If they provide and bill a service such as storage, transshipment or transport (including freighting) of feed or 'by-products for reprocessing'; and
- In the context of these activities, they must comply with the provisions, included in parts A and B of these documents, which are applicable to them.

A pet food producer may be FCA certified for this production. The distinction between a pet animal and a farm animal is purely based on the species (see definitions 'AC-00: Introduction').

 Difference between pet animals and animals intended for human consumption (farm animals)	
Certain species (horses, pigeons, rabbits, goats, ...) may not be intended for human consumption, and are considered as pet animals by their owners.	
However, these animals must always be considered as farm animals and not as pet animals, even if they are kept as such. Therefore the distinction is not made on the basis of the final destination (human consumption or other), but is based on the species (species whose meat, milk or eggs are usually consumed within the European Union).	

- b. All activities performed by the participant must be FCA certified if they fall within the scope of a document of the B series. It is nevertheless possible to derogate from this rule, if the FCA certified activity is physically separated (space) from other not FCA certified activities (e.g. a complete separate production line, without making use of a common handling step, flows into bags, different sites, but belonging to the same legal entity, etc.);
- c. Document 'BC-01: General Provisions' is applicable to all FCA certified participants;
- d. Steps and procedures in order to obtain and retain the FCA certification of a company, are detailed in document 'CC-01 - Rules of Certification';
- e. Steps and procedures related to the verification of meat outlets are detailed in documents 'BC-10: Meat stores producing category 3 material – Technical prescriptions' and 'CC-03: Inspection regulation of meat stores';
- f. Steps and procedures related to the verification of inland waterway companies are detailed in document 'OVC-04: Conditions for the designation of an inspection body for the verification of inland waterway vessels'.