

STATEMENT

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BEMEFA sector monitoring plan of contaminants

The contamination of raw materials and additives with destination animal feed, has incited OVOCOM (GMP) to establish a framework that includes mandatory monitoring requirements. This list of mandatory monitoring requirements can be downloaded from the [OVOCOM](http://www.ovocom.be/GMP-Regulation.aspx)-website, via the following link: <http://www.ovocom.be/GMP-Regulation.aspx>, AT – 05.

BEMEFA (Federation of the Compound Feed Industry) has completed this framework on the basis of a sector based monitoring plan, and has performed a hazard analysis of all, used, raw materials. The hazard analysis is reviewed and updated on regular basis (at least every 3 months). Spread throughout the year, a statistically sound number of samples are taken and distributed to each participant.

Both, the sector based monitoring plan and the hazard analysis are validated by the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) and the Scientific Committee (FASFC).

Participation in this sector based monitoring plan is mandatory for all BEMEFA-members (BEMEFA represents 98% of the tonnage of the Belgian compound feed production), but also non-members are participating. The number of participants, at the start of the plan in 2013, counted 266 participants. Many foreign companies have jointed BEMEFA's sector based monitoring plan.

The sampling plan is digital and automated. Samples are sent to accredited laboratories recognized by BEMEFA. BEMEFA has negotiated special conditions with laboratories regarding methods and delivery time. Thus, the samples, taken in the context of dioxins, are analyzed within 48h!

The analysis results, are processed immediately, and published on the BEMEFA -website. Any participant can check online, his personal analysis results as well as anonymous sector based results.

Every year, 2.500 samples are taken and analyzed in order to detect all possible contaminants. At least 10% of the samples are taken by independent certification bodies.

A few examples from the 2013 plan:

- ✓ Dioxins and dioxin like PCB's: 66 analysis of additives, 21 analysis of premixtures and 104 analysis of raw materials
- ✓ PCB's: 22 analysis of additives, 21 analysis of premixtures and 69 analysis of raw materials
- ✓ Pesticides: 22 analysis of additives and 261 analysis of raw materials
- ✓ Mycotoxins: 352 analysis of raw materials and 149 analysis of compound feed

An overview regarding the analysis results for each contaminant can be obtained on demand (annex).

For more Information, see our website: www.bemefa.be. For more specific questions, you can contact the BEMEFA secretariat : 02/512.09.55 or by mail (info@bemefa.be).