



STATEMENT

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Dioxins in animal feed : monitoring The Belgian compound feed sector screening since 2003

The Belgian compound feed sector screens its products for dioxins. BEMEFA/APFACA, the Belgian Federation of Compound Feed Industry, runs a monitoring program for dioxins since 2003 (its sectoral sampling plan is mandatory for all BEMEFA-members).

All raw materials for animal feed are submitted to hazard analysis. The risks are listed and the raw materials are submitted to a statistically representative sampling. Dioxins are making an integral part of this sampling plan. In 2010, BEMEFA has conducted 177 dioxin analysis.

BEMEFA has negotiated special conditions with the laboratory accredited for dioxin testing that executes all its dioxin analysis: the result of the test is delivered max. 72 hours after the sample has been taken! In 1999 the delay in result delivery was 3 weeks at least!!

BEMEFA has launched its sectoral sampling plan in 2003. It is a private initiative totally financed by the Federation itself. This sampling plan allows to detect possible contaminations immediately. Monitoring of raw materials allows the Compound feed industry to react proactively and to avoid that the contamination enters the production unit.

Participation in this sampling plan is mandatory for all BEMEFA-members. Besides, a number of compound feed manufacturers, non-members of BEMEFA have also subscribed the plan. The BEMEFA sampling plan counts in total 250 participants.

The BEMEFA sampling plan is part of the Feed Safety autocontrol system. Of course the national Food and Feed Safety Agency (FASFC) controls the autocontrol system. FASFC has taken 445 samples of raw material (for production of animal feed), all samples have been tested for dioxin.

For more Information, please consult the BEMEFA website:
<http://www.bemefa.be/SamplingPlan.aspx>.

BEMEFA, the Professional Association of Manufacturers of compound feed in Belgium, counts 180 members. Together they are representing 99% of the national production. The sector counts 3000 employees. With a national production of 6 million T and a turnover of 2.5 milliard euro, the compound feed industry is the most important supplier of agriculture production materials.