

Who is OVOCOM ?

OVOCOM is the Belgian consultation platform intended for the feed sector. OVOCOM 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 publication of the first version of our Feed Safety Standard, **GMP Animal Feed**, was the result of the collaboration of these 4 sectors. The GMP Animal Feed Standard is a set of legal and sector based requirements intended for companies active in one or more of the following sectors:

- feed industry;
- trade;
- transport;
- food industry.



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 always 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 since 2005 approved several **'self-checking guides'**. OVOCOM was the first to introduce such a guide for the feed industry, the Self Checking Guide Animal Feed (G-001). This Guide has been approved by the FASFC since 2005. In 2015, the FASFC declared the GMP Animal Feed Standard [equivalent](#) to the Self Checking Guide Animal Feed (G-001). This means that the GMP Animal Feed Standard and the Feed Chain Alliance Standard are fully supported by the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain. Even more, since the 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.



Feed Chain Alliance Standard

In 2015, OVOCOM has decided to highlight the importance of the vertical approach by proceeding with the **GMP Animal Feed Standard** under a new name (**Feed Chain Alliance Standard**) and with a new logo. In all other respects, the standard remained 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;
- Obligatory 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 a 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.

