

Information letter

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New list of feed producers in Quality Management Milch (QM-Milch)

Shortly: From January 2014 on, QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH keeps a uniform list of QS-certified producers of dairy feed which are able to deliver into the QM-Milch system. Within the QS feed monitoring program, exceedances of maximum levels, action thresholds and guidance values of defined undesirable substances are reported to the QM-Milch e. V.

List of producers

According to the QM-Milch standard, dairy farmers are only allowed to use purchase feed (compound feed and feed material) from producers which comply to the provisions of the Uniform Feed Agreement (Futtermittel-Rahmenvereinbarung) from May 24th, 2013.

All feed producers in the QS-system who want to deliver feed to QM-Milch dairy farmers will be kept in a uniform list from January 1st, 2014 on. This list is published in the public search function on the QS homepage under

<https://www.qs-plattform.de/QSSoftware/search.html>. Using the bottom „Search: Feed Sector“ it is possible to search for ”QS-certified companies participating in QM-Milch“.

From now on, QS-certified producers which want to deliver feed to QM-Milch farmers should register via QS for delivery into the QM-Milch system. For this purpose, these producers have set a hook for their respective location as soon as possible on the QS software platform <https://qs-plattform.info/QSSoftware> (with the individual login data).

Feed monitoring

In order to achieve the best possible feed safety level, all feed producers in the QS-scheme are subject to an extensive feed monitoring program. Taking part in QS, there is no further feed monitoring required for QM-Milch, as exceedances of maximum levels , action thresholds

and guidance values of defined undesirable substances are being forwarded from QS to QM-Milch.

Uniform Feed Agreement

Basis for this new procedure is the nationwide Uniform Feed Agreement which was jointly signed by Deutscher Bauernverband (DBV), Deutscher Raiffeisenverband (DRV), Milchindustrie-Verband (MIV), Deutscher Verband Tiernahrung (DVT), QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH and QM-Milch e.V. It is in effect since Juli 1st, 2013 and replaces the Feed Framework Agreement from 2001.

For the purpose of full quality assurance it is vital for the dairy industry that only those feeds are used for milk production which are subject to a quality management system and safe for milk production - in addition to compliance with animal nutrition legislation. The Uniform Feed Agreement is an essential base for this issue. Further information on the Uniform Feed Agreement can be obtained from <http://www.qm-milch.de/futtermittelsicherheit-562028>.