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### **American Feed Industry Association contracts with Eurofins Scientific, Inc. to conduct facility audits of AFIA's International Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program to EU FAMI-QS standards**

**ARLINGTON, Va. and DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 5, 2010** – The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) contracted with Eurofins Scientific, Inc. (ESI) to provide audits to AFIA's International Safe Feed/Safe Food (I-SF/SF) Certification Program that will meet FAMI-QS requirements for the importing of feed ingredients into the European Union (EU).

Eurofins Certification and its U.S. division are licensed by the European Feed Additives and Premixtures Quality System Association to provide audits globally. The EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Quality System (FAMI-QS) standards, the EU's feed hygiene regulation, Regulation (EC) 1831/2003, require certification to the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points system on additives for use in animal nutrition.

FAMI-QS is a unique, third-party certification program. More than 600 feed additive and premixture companies participate in the program globally. FAMI-QS is one of only three systems officially adopted by EU authorities. They recognize FAMI-QS as a suitable system for implementing the ambitious requirements of the feed hygiene regulation.

Eurofins Certification and ESI, through its Food Safety Systems (FSS) division, will provide audit services that will allow U.S. manufacturers of feed additives and premixtures to jointly comply with both FAMI-QS requirements and AFIA's International and Domestic Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program requirements through the successful completion of a single audit.

This agreement is the result of an increased focus in the U.S. on the use of accredited certification processes to increase oversight across the supply chain and is intended to offer a cost efficient program that will document feed safety within the U.S. and facilitate the export of U.S. products.

Joel G. Newman, AFIA president and CEO, stated "AFIA is pleased to contract with Eurofins Scientific to offer this valuable service to the U.S. feed and ingredient industry. Now U.S. facilities can be certified for AFIA's International and Domestic Safe Feed/Safe Food Certification Program as well as the FAMI-QS program through one comprehensive audit."

Additionally, Michael Russell, CEO of Eurofins Scientific, stated "This new partnership builds upon our long-time relationship not only with AFIA but also with the feed industry as a whole by delivering an accredited service that will increase the marketability of their products and bolster feed safety. Eurofins is committed to enhancing our support to AFIA members by increasing the value of their products in the markets they are destined for."

Any interested company can apply for FAMI-QS/I-SF/SF certification by contacting AFIA or visiting [www.safefeedsafefood.org](http://www.safefeedsafefood.org).

## About AFIA

The American Feed Industry Association is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the US animal feed industry and its suppliers. AFIA, founded in 1909, also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers.

## About ESI

Eurofins Scientific is a life sciences company operating internationally to provide a comprehensive range of analytical testing services to clients from a wide range of industries including the pharmaceutical, food and environmental sectors.

With 8,000 staff in more than 150 laboratories across 30 countries, Eurofins offers a portfolio of over 40,000 reliable analytical methods for evaluating the authenticity, origin, safety, identity, composition and purity of biological substances and products. The Group is committed to providing its customers with high quality services, accurate results in time and, if requested, expert advice by its highly qualified staff.

The Eurofins Group is the world leader in food testing and one of the global market leaders in pharmaceuticals and environmental testing. It intends to pursue its dynamic growth strategy and expand both its technology portfolio and its geographic reach. Through R&D and acquisitions, the Group draws on the latest developments in the field of biotechnology to offer its clients unique analytical solutions and the most comprehensive range of testing methods.

As one of the most innovative and quality oriented international players in its industry, Eurofins is ideally positioned to support its clients' increasingly stringent quality and safety standards and the demands of regulatory authorities around the world.

The shares of Eurofins Scientific are listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ISIN FR0000038259, Reuters EUFI.PA, Bloomberg ERF FP).

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