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1. Introduction

The GMP+ Feed Certification (GMP+ FC) scheme provides feed market operators with continuously enhanced standards for effective control and verification of feed safety / responsibility management systems implemented. However, these standards involve multiple of challenges to certified companies. On a daily basis, companies in the feed supply chain require a whole variety of tools – non-feed products and services – that are essential to feed safety / responsibility management processes.

For this, supporting feed operators with choosing the right tools is helpful for implementing and maintaining the relevant GMP+ FC requirements. GMP+ International itself provides the GMP+ FC scheme and various services. It realizes however, that third parties could also provide practical and valuable tools to support working on feed safety assurance in the feed supply chain.

GMP+ International aims to facilitate the availability of such tools that can be helpful for feed operators. This "GMP+ Registered Service Regulations" provides the framework for third-party services such a program. These Regulations provide the terms & conditions for registration of services of a third party. Benefits for and support of the registered services, provided by GMP+ International, are also included in these regulations.

Our objective is that these regulations are a source of reliable recommendations of non-feed services suitable for efficient maintenance and improvement of integrated feed safety / reliable management systems. It will also contribute to the use of standardised and uniform modes of operation in the feed supply chain.

2. Definition of Terms

- 2.1 **Agreement:** the GMP+ Registered Service Agreement between Applicant and GMP+ International, based on the template in Annex II to these regulations.
- 2.2 **Applicant:** a third party applying for acceptance of its product or service as GMP+ Registered Products & Service.
- 2.3 **Company:** a company in the feed supply chain that is GMP+ certified.
- 2.4 **GMP+ database:** a publicly accessible database managed and owned by GMP+ International comprising details of GMP+ Registered Services and holders.
- 2.5 **GMP+ FC scheme:** the GMP+ Feed Certification scheme, an international certification scheme covering the whole animal feed chain developed and managed by GMP+ International, consisting of the GMP+ Feed Safety Assurance module and the GMP+ Feed Responsibility Assurance module, as published on the GMP+ International website <<u>www.gmpplus.org</u>>, and as amended from time to time.
- 2.6 **GMP+ Registered Service:** the service registered by GMP+ International in accordance with these regulations.
- 2.7 **Logo:** the GMP+ Registered Service logo as included in Annex III.
- 2.8 **Holder:** the owner of GMP+ Registered Service.



- 2.9 **Services:** non-feed services¹, that are helpful tools in the daily operations for feed operators to meet the requirements related to proper feed safety / responsibility management.
- 2.10 **Regulations:** this GMP+ Registered Service Regulations.

3. Purpose

To support companies in choosing appropriate tools in daily operations regarding feed safety / responsibility management, by providing GMP+ Registered Services that are helpful in implementing measures to comply with GMP+ FC scheme requirements. These GMP+ Registered Services aim to facilitate Companies by synchronizing the manner of implementing certain requirements and mode of operations in the feed supply chain and guarantee an adequate quality level to assure feed safety.

4. Responsibilities & Benefits of the Parties

- 4.1 An applicant develops services at its own expense and offers these directly to companies at their own responsibility and risk.
- 4.2 GMP+ International undertakes to:
 - a. Carefully assess the Services regarding the requirements laid down in these regulations.
 - b. Set out the GMP+ Registered Service on its website.
 - c. Make the GMP+ Community aware of the GMP+ Registered Service.
 - d. Grant the Holder the right to use the Logo.
 - e. Provide information and input from the GMP+ Community, including from companies to the Holder.
 - f. Maintain and monitor the standard applicable to the GMP+ Registered Services.
 - g. Secure an 'open' market and pursue a balanced and fair advantage of GMP+ Registered Service for users.
- 4.3 The Holder undertakes to:
 - a. Adhere to the vision and mission of GMP+ International.
 - b. Support companies in meeting and maintaining the GMP+ FC scheme requirements.
 - c. Comply with the requirements and conditions of these Regulations.
 - d. Maintain the quality of its GMP+ Registered Service.
 - e. Allow GMP+ International to collect experiences of GMP+ Registered Service users.

5. Application & Registration Requirements

The following terms & conditions are applicable for acceptance and registration of Services within the scope of these Regulations:

¹ Other than training and consultancy services

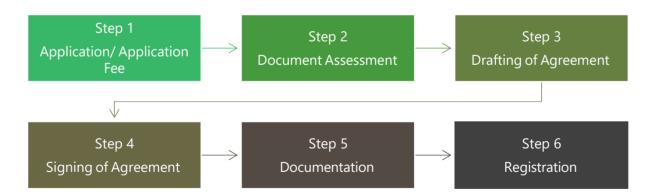


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- a. The Applicant shall send a request for acceptance and registration by means of the Application Form in Annex I to info@gmpplus.org, for the attention of Business Development.
- b. The Service shall have properties crucial for effective support of a Company in maintaining and improving incorporated feed safety management systems to the exclusive assessment of GMP+ International.
- c. The Service and its properties as mentioned under b. shall be clearly described, showing how and why it is a helpful tool for Companies for feed safety / responsibility management and for compliance with GMP+ requirements.
- d. The Service shall be based on the latest (state of the art) applicable techniques or standards and the Applicants commits himself to update the product or service.
- e. The Applicant shall offer it Services at a fair price-quality ratio.
- f. The Applicant undertakes to provide its Product or Service to every interested Company, in any case in the English language, on reasonable conditions and shall inform GMP+ International on the manner and conditions the product and/or service will be available for Companies.
- g. The Applicant shall ensure continuity of the supply of Registered Service to the market.
- h. The Applicant undertakes to notify GMP+ International about any changes of the properties, the conditions, or the manner of delivery of Registered Service to companies.
- i. The Applicant shall provide GMP+ International with verifiable references and/or testimonials of Companies about the suitability of the Services for feed safety management.
- j. The Applicant shall sign a tailor-made Agreement, drawn up by GMP+ International by using the template in Annex II.
- k. All information provided by the Applicant to GMP+ International shall be submitted in the English language.

6. Acceptance Procedure



6.1. Application

The Applicant must complete the application form as set out in further detail in Annex I, which can be found on the website of GMP+ International <www.gmpplus.org>.



The completed Application Form must be submitted to GMP+ International simultaneously with any additional information required as set out in these Regulations.

GMP+ International will send an invoice for the one-off Application Fee. Document assessment will only commence after GMP+ International has received the invoiced amount.

6.2. Document Assessment

Based on the application, GMP+ International will:

- a. Verify the completeness of required documents and information.
- b. Assess compliance with the application and registration requirements mentioned in paragraph 5 of these Regulations.
- c. Conduct an interview with the Applicant, if necessary.
- d. Verify references or testimonials of Companies, if necessary, by interviewing the companies concerned.
- e. At its own discretion, decide whether the Service can be qualified as a GMP+ Registered Service.

If GMP+ International determines that the product or service submitted for application fails to comply with the requirements, it will not be accepted and GMP+ International will inform the Applicant accordingly. If GMP+ International concludes that the product or service is in compliance with the requirements, the next step will be taken.

6.3. Drafting Acceptance & Registration Agreement

If the document assessment is positive and the Parties agree on the Annual Registration Fee, GMP+ International will provide the Applicant with a tailor-made Agreement for signing (based on the template in Annex II).

6.4. Documentation

The Applicant must submit to GMP+ International the following documents via email or regular post:

- A copy of the Agreement signed by the Applicant's legal representative as evidenced by the Applicant's business license or extract from the trade register of the chamber of commerce or similar authority.
- b. A high-resolution copy of the Applicant's company logo.

GMP+ International will send the Applicant a copy of the Agreement signed by GMP+ International.

6.5. Registration

After the Agreement has been signed as mentioned above in 6.4, GMP+ International will:

- a. Enter the GMP+ Registered Serves and contact details of the Holder in the GMP+ Database.
- b. Send its Logo to the Holder in Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) format.



The registration is valid for a period of three years. Renewal of the registration is based on an evaluation of the added value of the Registered Service.

6.6. Use of the Logo

The Holder is entitled to use the Logo subject to the following:

- a. The Logo may only be used for promotion, on a website, for documentation, etc. related to GMP+ Registered Services.
- b. The Logo must be used in the form, colors and layout as provided by GMP+ International and may not be altered in any way whatsoever.

7. Application Fee and Annual Contribution

- a. Application Fee: € 1,000 (one time Registration)
- b. Annual Contribution: € 1,000 (first-year payment will be waived)
- c. In the event that additional fees arise due to the nature of the services rendered or the specific data required from GMP+ International, such fees shall be subject to prior discussion with the Holder before any charges are applied.

Payment must be effectuated within 21 days after invoicing.

In the event the Holder fails to pay the Annual Registration Fee, GMP+ International shall be authorized. to cancel the registration of the Holder's GMP+ Registered Service with immediate effect.

8. Liability

GMP+ International shall not be liable for any claim arising from the GMP+ Registered Service provided by the Holder.

The Holder develops and markets its GMP+ Registered Service at its own risk and account. All promotion by GMP+ International is to support the Holder and is generic in nature, with reference to the information provided in the GMP+ Registered Services database.

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ANNEX I TO THE REGULATIONS: APPLICATION FORM

https://fd8.formdesk.com/gmpinternational/Registered Service application

GMP+ Registered Service Application form				
Company name *				
Business Address *				
Zip code *	City *			
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ANNEX II TO THE REGULATIONS: THE GMP+ REGISTERED SERVICE LOGO







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