

## Quality systems equivalent to GMP+

The Better Life label criteria include the provision that feed must demonstrably originate from a GMP+ certified feed supplier or a supplier with an equivalent quality assurance system.

An equivalent quality assurance system is an animal feed chain in which all links/companies (including transport) are certified by a quality assurance system that has been accepted by the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals as an animal feed certificate within the Better Life label scheme.

A list is shown below of quality assurance systems accepted by the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals as an alternative to GMP+ certification within the Better Life label scheme. Please be aware that, in addition to the production of animal feed, the transport of animal feed must also be covered by certification equivalent to GMP+. In some cases, this may be subject to additional certification or standards.

### Equivalent systems

Standard	Organisation	Country	Chain/ part of the chain	Website
Food safety management systems such as: - ISO22000 - FSCC22000 - IFS - BRC			May be used if the scope includes animal feed/feed (including transport).	
GMP+ FSA	GMP+ International	The Netherlands	Complete animal feed chain	<a href="#">Website GMP+</a>
Voedsel- en Voederveiligheid Akkerbouw (VVAK)	Branch organisation arable farming / arable farming certification consultation	The Netherlands	Own cultivation by farmers. Feed materials that originate (directly) from the farmer's own cultivation and cultivation by neighbouring farmers, without the intervention of an agricultural contractor or trading party.	<a href="#">Website Brancheorganisatie akkerbouw</a>
Feed Chain Alliance standard (GMP Animal feeds)	Ovocom	Belgium	Complete animal feed chain	<a href="#">Website Ovocom</a>
QS GMP+ anerkannt	QS	Germany	Complete animal feed chain	<a href="#">Link to list of QS participants, which are</a>

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				<a href="#">interchangeable with GMP+ system</a>
CSA	Incograin	France	Production of animal feed materials	<a href="#">Website Incograin</a>
Oqualim	Oqualim	France	Production of animal feed materials	<a href="#">Website Oqualim</a>
Qualimat	Qualimat	France	Transport of animal feed	<a href="#">Website Qualimat</a>
Feed Materials Assurance Scheme (FEMAS)	AIC	United Kingdom	Premix, compound feed, trade, transport	<a href="#">Website FEMAS</a>
Universal Feed Assurance Scheme (UFAS)	AIC	United Kingdom	Premix, compound feed, trade, transport	<a href="#">Website UFAS</a>
Trade Assurance scheme for Combinable Crops (TASCC)	AIC	United Kingdom	Premix, compound feed, trade, transport	<a href="#">Website TASCC</a>
Pastus+	AMA-Marketing	Austria	Production of compound feed and feed materials, trade, storage and transshipment	<a href="#">Website AMA Marketing</a>
Organic	European Union (EU Regulations 834/2007 and 889/2008)	Europe	Complete animal feed chain	<a href="#">Website SKAL</a> (SKAL monitors the organic chain in the Netherlands)
FAMI-QS	FAMI-QS	Europe	Production of additives	<a href="#">Link to FAMI-QS participant</a>
GTP	Coceral	Europe	Trade in agricultural products (untreated)	<a href="#">Website GTP</a>

### Transport of animal feed

If the primary participant receives the feed from a certified company (GMP+ or equivalent), transport must comply with the safety requirements for the transport of bulk products destined for animal feed as included in [the IDTF](#) (International Database Transport for Feed.)

This can be because:

- transport is certified as part of the quality system (GMP+ FSA, Feed Chain Alliance standard (GMP Animal feeds), QS, FEMAS, UFAS, TASIC, Pastus+ and GTP)
- transport is covered by separate certification (e.g. with a CSA/Oqualim certificate, the transport must be certified by Qualimat). In this case, the additional certification that covers transport must be clearly stated on the delivery note / invoice.

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- the feed production plant organises transport and the feed production plant can demonstrate compliance with the IDTF standards In this case, proof of compliance with the IDTF standard must be clearly stated on the delivery note / invoice.

#### System not included in the list above.

If a different quality assurance system is used and that system is not yet listed above:

- with GMP+, international interchangeability with GMP+ FSA is requested/demonstrated. For more information, please consult [GMP+ International](#).
- The Better Life label Foundation ([info@sblk.nl](mailto:info@sblk.nl)) will be contacted. They, in consultation with the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals, can determine whether equivalence can be awarded.