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A message from the FEFANA President and Secretary General



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As FEFANA celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its creation in 1963, we are very pleased and privileged to sign off this Golden Brochure to highlight in more details how the evolution of our industry in the past 50 years has been influenced by the European Union's policies in food and feed safety.

Following the Treaty of Rome of 1957 that created the European Economic Community (EEC), the national associations of the feed additive industry of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands decided to come together to follow-up with the developments of this new 'Common Market'.

Throughout the first steps of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the political focus was at that time firmly on ensuring the availability of affordable food to European consumers by increasing farming productivity. Technological development within our industry was one of the contributing factors to the improvements on animal health and welfare, efficiency and product quality.

However, the European policy priority of achieving highest standards on food and feed safety took centre stage in 2000 when it was unravelled by the White Paper on Food Safety, and the consequent Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 on the General Principle of the Food Law, that created also the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

As a responsible stakeholder in the food and feed chain, our industry proactively brought its technical expertise at the service of the EU authorities during the development of the new European legislative

framework for feed additives, which resulted in Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Parallel to EFSA celebration of its 10th Anniversary last year, we can certainly mention that the workload undertaken by our industry in the last decade focused very much on the implementation of this Regulation, but also on the Feed Hygiene Regulation.

As the European system became a global benchmark in food and feed safety, FEFANA recognised the potential to turn this regulatory environment into a competitive advantage for the EU operators, as well as for those from Third Countries who are up to these high standards. The Quality and Safety System for Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures - FAMI-QS - is, no doubt, our industry's success story in this respect. With more than 800 certificates in 49 countries FAMI-QS is the reference system for the safety of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures.

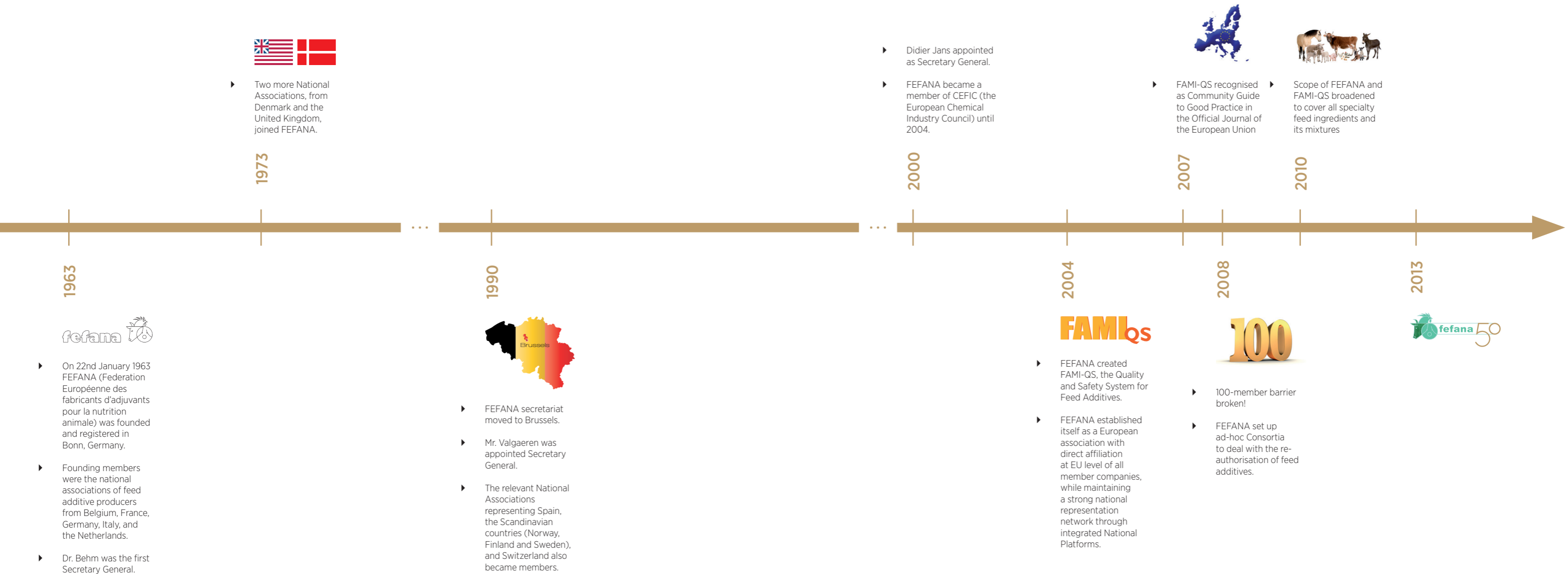
Today feed additives in the EU are surrounded by one of the most comprehensive legislative system of the entire food and feed chain. FEFANA is highly committed to contributing to the effective implementation of the relevant Regulations, and wants to continue to work on an improved straightforward regulatory framework, increasing predictability and product safety, while striving for fair competition on the European market.

Watching closely the world's challenges for the years to come, our industry is keen in giving its contribution through innovative answers to enhance animal health and farming practice - with a particular eye on sustainability, taking care of the diverse market's needs in different regions of a globalising world, and providing for more and clearer information to the public about our products.

We have certainly come a long way since our association's first inception in 1963; this milestone is giving us all the valuable opportunity to reflect also on our long term achievements, and it is providing us with a renewed focus on the priorities for the years to come.

As a final note we would like to commend our membership for the continuous commitment. Our member companies' experts, actively engaged in our Working Groups and Task Forces, are being certainly the driving engine of our association. Thank you!

Historical evolution



Milestone achievements



Feed Additives Legislation

The work of FEFANA in the last decade has certainly been dominated by the establishment and implementation of the Feed Additive Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003. Since the earliest steps of the recasting of Directive 70/524/EEC, FEFANA offered its expertise to regulators in order to maintain a level-playing-field for our industry, striving for innovation in a predictable regulatory environment.

Many were the changes introduced by this new legislative framework for feed additives. For instance premixtures were included in the scope, while we saw the authorisations of antibiotic growth promoter used as feed additives phased out. The change in legislation was also characterised by the progressive disappearance of the Rapporteur system, with a centralised risk assessment carried out by EFSA. FEFANA was successful in bringing more transparency and predictability in the authorisation process, in particular through the establishment of legal guidelines for the presentation and assessment of application dossiers.

The new feed additive Regulation also triggered the setting up of the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) to which FEFANA became one of the privileged industry partners.

FEFANA's scope, membership and workload have evolved along these major regulatory changes. The EU regulatory process and regulatory compliance was clearly no longer a matter for producers only, but for all operators placing feed additives on the market. Direct affiliation at European level of all member companies was positive in order to help FEFANA membership and its SMEs to cope with the legislation requirements and to take an active participation in the legislative process. The National network was re-enforced allowing FEFANA to be fully effective across the EU, while avoiding work duplication in a context of industry consolidation.

Re-authorisation Consortia

The re-authorisation process can certainly be seen as a milestone where FEFANA and its members showed a high level of self-responsibility. In the disturbed times around years 2000, it became clear that the feed legislation required a re-vamping. Our industry acknowledged the need for a revisiting the feed additive authorisations, with a proportionate and a resources-conscious approach.

The setting up of Consortia to deal with the re-authorisation process has definitely been a FEFANA success story, through which our industry joined resources to provide the authorities with its best knowledge and know-how on feed additives.

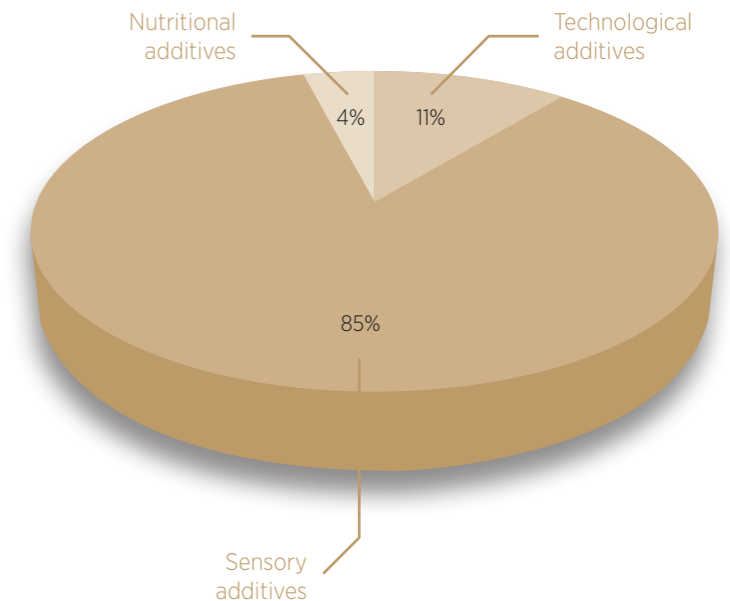
Between 2007 and 2009, ten different consortia were estab-

lished to streamline and help with the re-authorisation process. The submissions by the Consortia covered over 1000 individual additives thus enabling the products concerned to remain on the market for the foreseeable future.

The participation in these Consortia offered many advantages to the operators and to the authorities, including cost reduction, coherence of dossiers and sharing of expertise. We made the choice to allow non-members to participate in this huge effort.

Consortia are currently still active ensuring the follow-up of the post-submission phase, i.e. reply to requests from the EFSA and the EURL, and in discussions with the Commission on the Implementing Regulations and Annex entries. In the course of the process, it is however important for all stakeholders not to lose sight of the purpose and limits of the process in which we engaged.

Category	number of additives
Technological additives	113
Sensory additives	862
Nutritional additives	39
Total	1014





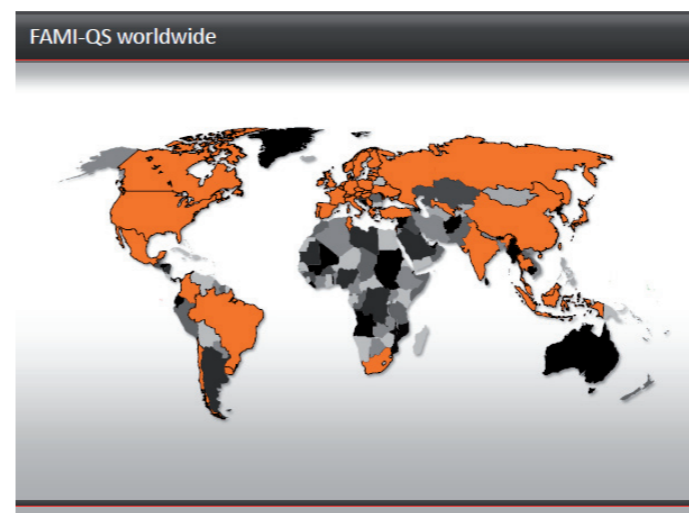
Classification tool

Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 introduced some significant changes on the marketing of feed, including definitions for the vast majority of the concepts used in feeds. Though the revision of this part of the legislation was induced by the White Paper on food safety, like the feed additive one, this legislation was adopted in a political context that had considerably evolved in the meantime, with more emphasis on competitiveness. Several complex disequilibrium resulted from this.

Amongst these, feed business operators and competent authorities of EU Member States have been frequently faced with questions regarding the classification of their products, and the consequent critical implications and regulatory consequences for the placing of these products on the market. Besides having obtained some clarification through a new legislation, FEFANA developed a simple and efficient electronic tool to help them to have a consistent approach for the classification of substances.

This instrument aims at putting into practice the Commission “guidelines for the distinction between feed materials, feed additives, biocidal products and veterinary medicinal products”. Nevertheless, the tool does not intend to replace for the operators’ and/or the authorities’ responsibility in taking a final decision on the classification of a product, but is it expected to be an important benchmark in the assessment process.

The Classification Tool is widely used by operators and control authorities, including in Third Countries. It is publicly available on the FEFANA website at: <http://www.fefana.org/ClassTool/>.



FAMI-QS

In 2004 following strong engagement on the Feed Hygiene Regulation, FEFANA members created FAMI-QS - a Quality System for Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures. FAMI-QS is certainly a pioneer in its field as it is the only certifiable code specifically aimed at Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures. FAMI-QS certification is based on the community guide to good practices approved by European Commission. Also it is the first feed safety certification scheme that has been assessed and endorsed by European Accreditation.

The FAMI-QS Code addresses safety, quality and regulatory compliance of specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures by:

- ▶ minimizing the risk that unsafe specialty feed ingredients and their mixtures enter the feed and food chain;
- ▶ enabling an operator to implement the objectives of the Feed Hygiene Regulation (183/2005/EC); and
- ▶ providing measures to ensure that other feed safety regulatory requirements are met.

The FAMI-QS code was designed to be internationally implemented. At the time of writing, certified companies are spread across more than 49 countries, and a worldwide network of certification bodies allows the implementation of FAMI-QS in any part of the globe.

FAMI-QS was created by the industry for the industry, and it has now grown to become a reference at global level. Today FAMI-QS facilitates the global trade of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures. The outstanding development of the FAMI-QS system and the increasing trust it is gaining towards the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO), the national control authorities in Europe and third countries, and feed operators confirms that it came up to real expectations at EU and Third Country level.

FEFANA

A reliable stakeholder within the food & feed chain



Since its creation FEFANA has continuously built upon and gained a positive reputation across Europe towards the EU and Member States authorities, as well as with other stakeholders, in particular through the quality of its contributions.

In several opportunities, FEFANA did place itself as a reliable interlocutor of authorities during the decision-making but also, when its view was respected in the process, as a strong driver for the implementation of the decisions taken.

FEFANA enjoys being one of the relatively few organisations involved in both EFSA and Commission stakeholders groups, i.e. the “EFSA Stakeholders Consultative Platform” and the “DG SANCO Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health”. In addition, FEFANA actively contributes to exchange of views, ideas and information with other actors of the food and feed chain in a number of other forums.

As Dr. Georg Kau stated once during its Presidency (2006-2008) “FEFANA increasingly reaches a global dimension as its membership includes companies operating worldwide. FEFANA is aware that Europe is more and more watched by supply and regulatory operators outside the EU, who are starting to implement the high standards developed by Europe. FEFANA is striving to accept this challenge and will integrate this global dimension into its activities to contribute constructively to the protection of the consumer in Europe.” It is nowadays clear that the fate of our industry in any part of the world is at least partly influenced by the regulatory evolution in the other regions.

Indeed, FEFANA is being engaged more and more not only in European activities but also in projects and platforms at international level, such as IFIF – the International Feed Industry Federation – whose coordinating role in promoting the global feed industry is aimed at contributing to the sustainable supply of safe, healthy feed and therefore food; and the Codex Alimentarius – contributing to the ad-hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Animal Feeding. FEFANA is also fostering dialogue between regulators of key regions at global level in order to smoothen the international trade of our products.

Future challenges and opportunities



The world is facing the challenges of a growing population and of economic uncertainty. The economy is becoming increasingly globalised, while local differences are still strong and regions are not growing at the same pace. The Specialty Feed Ingredients industry is adapting to **globalisation** by fulfilling the needs of different markets. We aim at supporting growth in different regions of the world by providing products suited to **local market needs**. Our customers often operate on a local level and face local challenges, and our industry wants to serve their specific needs with a wide range of products using our scientific and technological knowhow, while maintaining our highest standards of safety and quality.

Innovation potential is often just behind the corner and, thanks to its global perspective, our industry is well equipped to offer a wide diversity of innovative solutions.

Any future growth need to be sustainable for all the global resources. In particular, the need to preserve the environment for future generations calls for sustainability measures to be integrated in every aspect of agricultural, farming and industrial production. The environmental **sustainability** measures being introduced by our industry are focusing on developing feed additives with a beneficial and mitigating impact on the environment. By supporting animal health, we are also providing benefits to the farming communities, including those in the developing regions, whose livelihoods depend and rely on the livestock’s wellbeing.

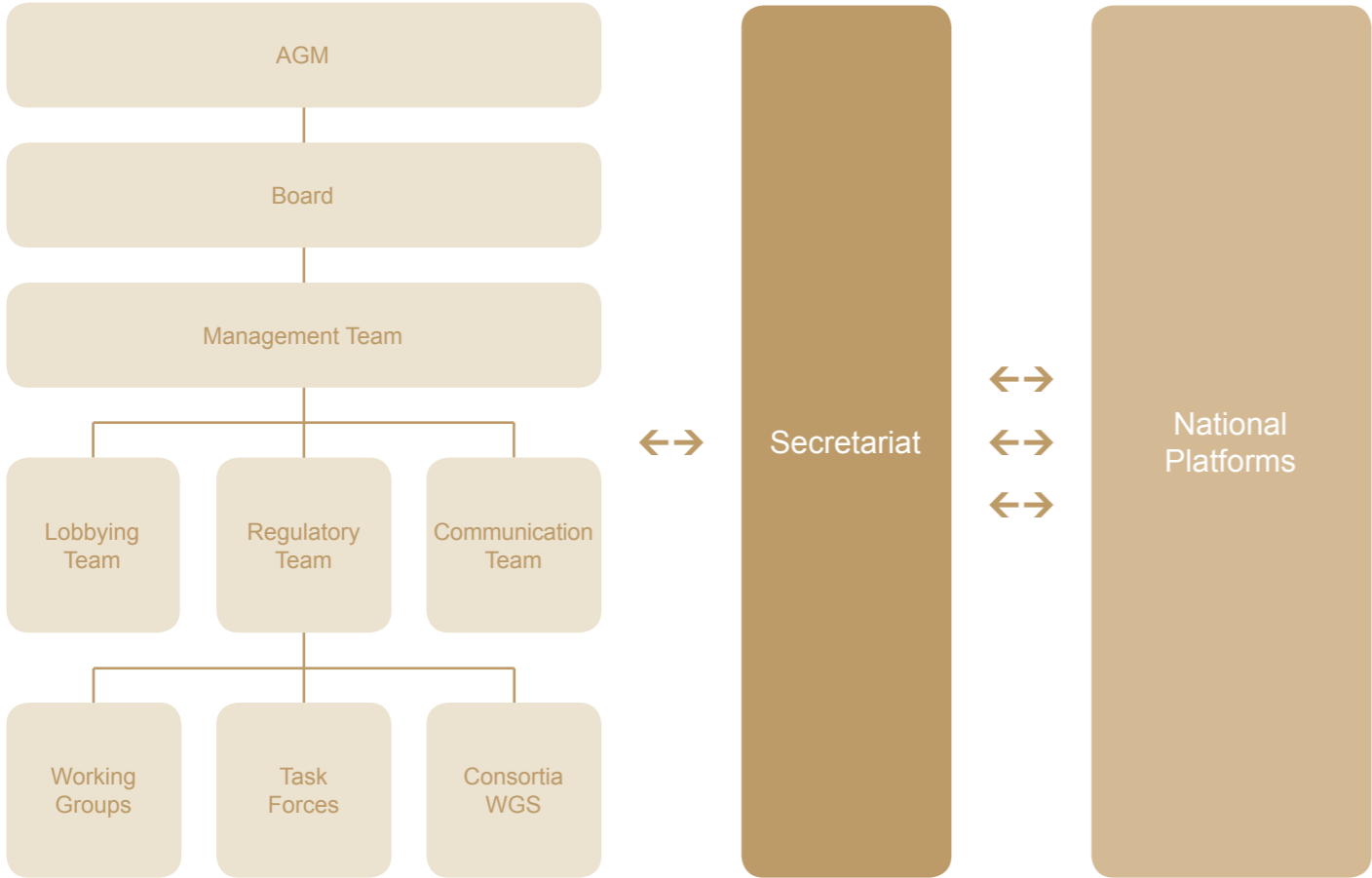
In this information age, the world is increasingly connected and the public is constantly exposed to contrasting messages on the feed and food chain. Our Association intends to **communicate** true and scientifically sound messages on what our products are, how they are produced, why they are safe and why they contribute to socio-economic welfare of the population. We wish to contribute to a more informed society in the subject of a safe feed and food production process.

As a key player of the food and feed chain, FEFANA is well prepared and fully committed to face and adapt to the challenges of the years to come.

More about

FEFANA is a not-for-profit organization, under the Belgian law, representing more than 100 companies from 28 countries, whether manufacturers, traders and/or importers of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures, produced in the EU or imported from third countries.

Structure



National Platforms

Austria
www.platform-fefana.org/Austria

Belgium - FRANA
www.frana.be

Denmark - DAFAPA
www.platform-fefana.org/Denmark

France - SYNPA
www.synpa.org

Germany - AWT
www.awt-feedadditives.de

Italy
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Nordic & Baltic Countries (Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) - NoFAA
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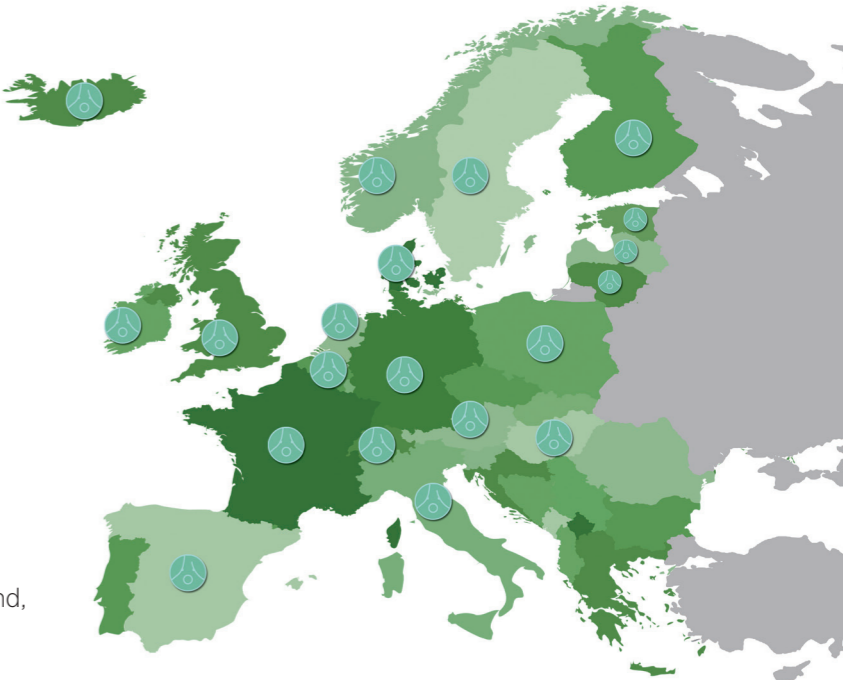
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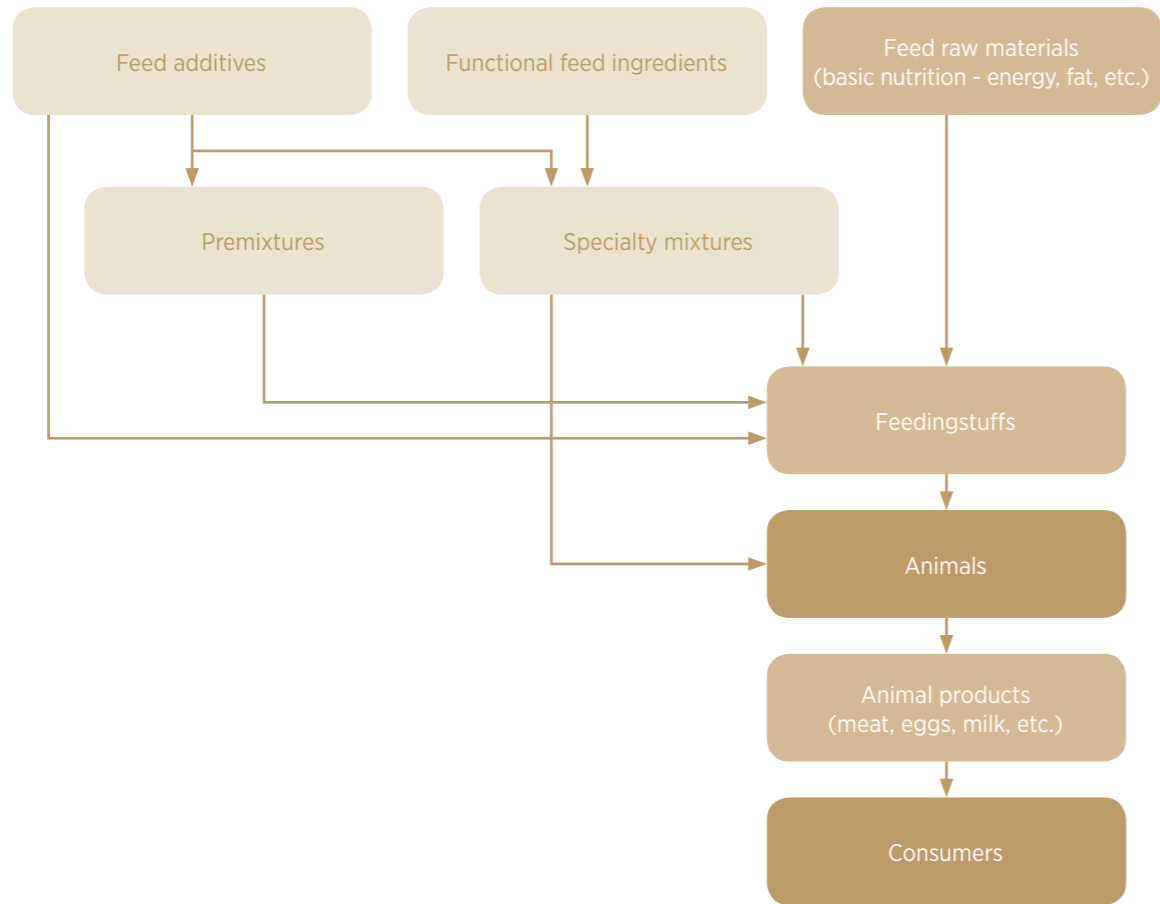
Switzerland - SGCI
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The Netherlands - NEFATO
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United Kingdom & Ireland - BAFSAM
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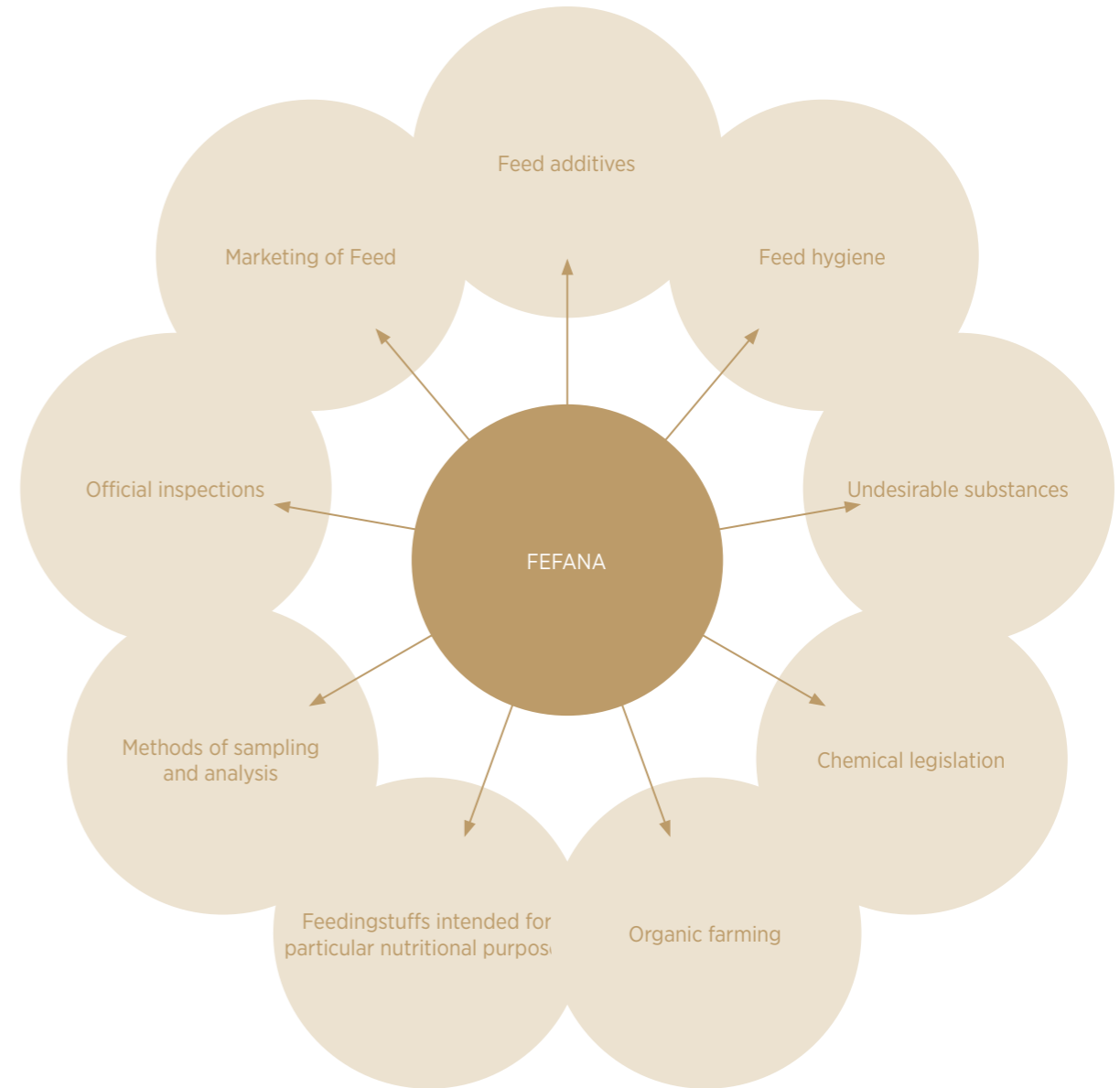
FEFANA's place in the feed & food chain



Note:

Functional feed ingredients are feed materials as defined in Regulation (EC) No 767/2009, which, are used in feed or water for drinking in order to perform one of the following functions: micro-nutrition, technological, sensory or zootechnical .

Regulatory domains of interest



Note:

This list aims at indicating some of the main FEFANA regulatory fields of interest, but it not intended to be exhaustive.

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