

Updates to GMP+ FC scheme 2020

GMP+ (Good Manufacturing Practices) FC (Feed Certification) scheme 2020 has been updated to create a simpler and more effective standard. The GMP+ FSA and GMP+ FRA modules have been rewritten and simplified, readability has been improved and there is more focus on final outcomes and goals, and less on the process.

What has changed?

The content of GMP+ FC 2020 has changed to reflect the merging of the GMP+ and HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) standards. The high level of feed safety of the GMP+ FC scheme has been retained and the ISO 22000 standard structure has been followed, however, the HACCP system has not been modified in the GMP+ FC scheme.

GMP+ FC scheme version 2010 will remain available until 1 September 2024.

The new structure

The A, B, C and D documents found in the 2010 version of the standard are no longer part of the updated scheme. Instead, the documents have been classified more efficiently:

- **Framework** – Documents relating to the procedures, definitions and the rights and obligations of those concerned.
- **Requirements** – Helping you work with the right requirements for your certification.
- **Support** – GMP+ International offers support in the form of manuals and background information. You can find this information in the Support documents.

GMP+ also offer additional support and knowledge via manuals, [webinars](#), events and our [Feed Support Products](#) (FSP).

Website changes

The GMP-international website has also been updated. You can find the new documents by visiting www.gmpplus.org

The new documents outline the structure of the GMP+ FC scheme 2020.

Changes audit time

The criteria for audit time varies and is dependent on the scope of the organisation. Audit time will be recalculated and may differ from the old standard, meaning contracts will be required to be updated accordingly to reflect new audit times and how the standard will be adapted.

Support

GMP-international provides support, guidance and information on the GMP+ FC scheme 2020.

Transition period

From 1 March 2021, there will be a transition period of 3.5 years.

This means that:

- From 1 January 2022 to 1 January 2023 new companies will be certified in accordance with the GMP+ FC scheme 2020 and the existing GMP+ certified companies can be certified on their own request in accordance with the GMP+ FC scheme 2020.
- After 1 January 2023, all existing GMP+ certified companies must be certified in accordance with the GMP+ FC scheme 2020. Following audits throughout 2022, LRQA will plan for the 2023 visit against the new standard. The transition will take place during the surveillance or renewal visit in 2023 without additional time.
- From 1 September 2024, the entire GMP+ Community will come under the new GMP+ FC scheme 2020. Certification will then only be possible in accordance with the GMP+ FC scheme 2020.
- From 1 September 2024, the GMP+ FC scheme 2010 will no longer be valid.

Audit process

In preparation for the visit, you will need a copy of the specific GMP+ FSA or GMP+ FRA Standards.

You can obtain this information from the GMP+ International website: www.gmpplus.org

LRQA will prepare a summary of the audit and any nonconformities during the evaluation visit and a visit report and checklist will be provided after the visit. If you successfully complete the evaluation, we will award you a certificate.

Once we have awarded certification, we will carry out on-going re-evaluation visits to maintain your approval. Visit dates, start and finish times, the audit team, visit duration, and locations will be agreed before visits take place.

Benefits of GMP+ FC 2020

- Safe feed and a strong supply chain;
- Improves the quality policy of your organisation through ISO-based quality management and risk control (HACCP);
- Access to Feed Support Products, databases and helpdesk;
- License to sell in a growing number of countries;
- Improve business continuity and processes;
- Trade with companies in other schemes thanks to harmonisation;
- Trusted brand reputation;
- Part of a global community;
- Contribute to content and future of the scheme.

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