

# Laboratory Network on Animal Feed Safety in Asia and the Pacific

## Terms of Reference

### Background:

Animal feed plays a leading role in the global food industry as a critical component in the food chain, with involvement of multiple stakeholders to ensure the sustainable production of safe and affordable animal proteins. Challenges that the animal feed industry faces are multiple: not only must it meet a growing demand for animal feed, but also feed safety must be ensured as an essential prerequisite for human health and additionally for animal health and welfare, where quality assurance is essential. Therefore, a regional laboratory network involving animal feed laboratories is important for information sharing and capacity building.

The Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (FAMIC) was designated an OIE Collaborating Centre for Animal Feed Safety and Analysis in May 2009. Thus far, it has contributed to feed safety and analysis by providing technical workshops and information on feed safety. A laboratory network for animal feed safety in Asia and the Pacific (hereafter referred to as the Network) was proposed during the OIE Regional Workshop on Animal Feed Safety held in January 2019.

### Roles and Responsibilities of the Network:

- Regular exchange of information on animal feed safety, including analytical standards and contaminants detected;
- Regular sharing and review of issues/challenges affecting animal feed safety in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Provide technical support for feed analysis, including practical lab testing experiences and training to perform tests and data analysis.

### Composition of the Network:

- **Secretariat:** Fertilizer and Feed Inspection Department  
Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (FAMIC)
- **Members:**  
The members of the Network will be either or both of the below, who submit their intent to join the Network to the Secretariat in writing and with the support of their OIE Delegate:
  - OIE National Focal Points for Animal Production Food Safety;
  - National laboratories for animal feed.
- **Observers:**
  - The Network will consider the addition of other laboratories or experts as observers upon agreement with other members.

**Mechanics of the Network:**

- The Network will be launched once members from more than seven (7) OIE Members in the region agree to join the Network;
- The Secretariat (FAMIC) will create a dedicated website for the Network, located on its own website (<http://www.famic.go.jp/english/index.html>), and will manage the Network website contents;
- The Secretariat will facilitate communication amongst members and communicate with the OIE, FAO and other partners working in the field of Animal Feed Safety;
- Network members will provide regular reports upon request from the Secretariat;
- Network members are encouraged to share any technical documents of relevance through the Network;
- An OIE Member who wishes to join after launch of the Network should contact the Secretariat through the OIE Delegate with relevant information of the applicant (National Focal Point and/or national laboratory) including contact details. If the Secretariat approves their participation, they will be added to the list of members in the Network.
- The Network will maintain regular contact with and seek guidance as appropriate from the OIE-RRAP;
- The Terms of Reference for the Network will be reviewed as necessary.