



# STATEMENT

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## BFA sector monitoring plan of contaminants

The contamination of raw materials and additives with destination animal feed, has incited OVOCOM – FCA to establish a framework that includes mandatory monitoring requirements. . This list of mandatory monitoring requirements can be downloaded from the OVOCOM [website](http://www.ovocom.be), via the following link: <http://www.ovocom.be/FCA-Documents.aspx>, AT – 05.

BFA (Belgian Feed Association, Federation of the Compound Feed Industry) has completed this framework on the basis of a sector based monitoring plan, and has performed a hazard analysis of all, used, raw materials. The hazard analysis is reviewed and updated on regular basis (at least every 3 months). Spread throughout the year, a statistically sound number of samples are taken and distributed to each participant.

Both, the sector based monitoring plan and the hazard analysis are validated by the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) and the Scientific Committee (FASFC).

Participation in this sector based monitoring plan is mandatory for all BFA members (BFA represents 92% of the tonnage of the Belgian compound feed production ), but also non-members are participating. The number of participants, at the start of the plan in 2018, counted 241 participants. Many foreign companies have jointed BFA's sector based monitoring plan!

The sampling plan is digital and automated. Samples are sent to accredited laboratories recognized by BFA and FASFC. BFA has negotiated special conditions with laboratories regarding methods and delivery time. Thus, the samples, taken in the context of dioxins, are analyzed within 48h! (24h service is also possible).

The analysis results, are processed immediately, and published on the BFA [website](http://www.bfa.be). Any participant can check online, his personal analysis results as well as anonymous sector based results .

Every year, 2.500 samples are taken and analyzed in order to detect all possible contaminants. At least 10% of the samples are taken by independent certification bodies.

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**A few examples from the 2018 plan:**

- ✓ Dioxins and dioxin like PCB's: 66 analysis of additives, 103 analysis of raw materials and 22 analysis of mineral feed
- ✓ PCB's: 32 analysis of additives , 67 analysis of raw materials and 22 analysis of mineral feed
- ✓ Pesticides : 22 analysis of additives and 323 analysis of raw materials
- ✓ Mycotoxins : 379 analysis of raw materials and 149 analysis of compound feed
- ✓ Salmonella: 114 analysis of additives and 149 analysis of compound feed
- ✓ Heavy metals: 77 analysis of premixtures, 32 analysis of additives, 52 analysis of raw

An overview regarding the analysis results for each contaminant can be obtained on demand.

For more Information, see our website: [www.bfa.be](http://www.bfa.be). For more specific questions, you can contact the BFA secretariat : 02/512.09.55 or by mail ([info@bfa.be](mailto:info@bfa.be)).

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