

Press Release

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Cotecna Thailand laboratory certified by GAFTA for grain and feeding stuffs analysis

Cotecna Inspection (Thailand) Co. Ltd, Bangkok, is now accredited by GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association) to issue analysis certificates for grain and feeding stuffs at loading and discharging ports.

Cotecna Thailand, already on the GAFTA Register of Approved Analysts for grain analysis, recently obtained a listing for feeding stuffs analysis. This recent award, under the GAFTA Approved Analysts Scheme, is a result of Cotecna's successful completion of Round 2 of the 2009 proficiency Ring Test.

This latest accreditation proves Cotecna's continuous drive to expand its worldwide network of GAFTA approved laboratories.

Laboratories that analyze and provide certificates on the quality of grain, animal feeding stuffs, pulses and rice pursuant to trade performed under GAFTA's contract terms must be approved to be listed on the GAFTA Analysts Register. GAFTA organizes two ring tests a year (January and July) to assess the ability of the applicant to produce accurate and reliable analytical data. Once approved, analysis laboratories continue to demonstrate their ability on a continuing basis by undergoing the two ring tests a year.

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Note to editors:

1. About Cotecna

Founded in Switzerland in 1974, the **COTECNA** Group offers a wide range of trade facilitation services, trade security services and quality certification standards. Cotecna is a pioneer in areas such as risk management, destination inspection and scanner integration projects and also offers Customs modernization programmes, Customs valuation assistance, trade security solutions and commercial inspections. For a full description of our services, please visit www.cotecna.com. The Cotecna Group has a combined workforce of about 4,000 employees and agents in close to 100 offices.

2. About Gafta

GAFTA, the Grain and Feed Trade Association, GAFTA's, of which Cotecna is a member, aims to promote the international trade and to protect the interests of its members. GAFTA has excellent relationships with international organisations and authorities such as: the WTO, International Trade Negotiations, World Plant and Animal Health Legislation, Market Access and Customs Issues, and Health and Safety matters. www.gafta.com