

## Press release

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### **Cotecna Spain registered as GAFTA superintendent**

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In August 2010, Cotecna Inspección S.L., Cotecna's Spanish subsidiary, received its superintendent registration from GAFTA (Grain and Feed Trade Association). [www.gafta.com](http://www.gafta.com)

As a GAFTA registered superintendent, Cotecna Spain may carry out inspections, verifications, examinations, quality and condition assessment of grains, feedingstuffs, pulses, rice and other commodities traded on GAFTA Contracts Terms. Cotecna Spain may issue reports and certificates relating to its operations and can render advisory services.

Cotecna Inspección's principal activities in Spain are commercial inspections of commodities and consumer products for Spanish exporters and facilitating their access to Cotecna's worldwide network of offices to enable supervision of their overseas supply chain. Cotecna Spain also carries out inspections for different liaison offices in the framework of Pre-Shipment Inspection programs, mainly for Angola, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania and Togo. Cotecna's Spanish subsidiary has been operating since 1985.

Cotecna Spain thus complements the Cotecna Group's worldwide network of GAFTA registered and accredited offices and laboratories in all major grain and feedstuffs trading hubs, ready as ever to service both local and multinational trade participants.

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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](http://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](http://www.gafta.com)