

Press release

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Cotecna Houston, USA, accredited by GAFTA

Cotecna Inspection Ltd, Cotecna's subsidiary in Houston, Texas, USA, has recently received accreditation from GAFTA (The Grain and Feed Trade Association).

This newly acquired accreditation makes the Cotecna Houston laboratory one of only seven laboratories in the US that are certified to run GAFTA methods. This new GAFTA certification expands the services that Cotecna Inspection Houston can offer for analysis. Along with GAFTA, the Houston laboratory is certified for methods from AOCS, AACC, and FOSFA. (See "Note to Editors" below for further information). Cotecna Inspection Houston participates in monthly AACC round robin proficiency samples and its Houston laboratory routinely runs a wide variety of tests on grains, meals, beans, and other products under all four accreditations.

Cotecna Inspection Houston is centrally located for easy access to local ports and rail stations for on-site sampling and in-house analysis. Cotecna Inspection Houston also accepts samples shipped from anywhere in the world.

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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.

Cotecna conducts verification and certification activities across a range of sectors, delivering leading-edge solutions for importers and exporters worldwide. Areas of particular expertise include: agricultural products, metals and minerals, chemical and petroleum products, marine surveys, industrial equipment surveys, vehicle inspections and consumer goods. Accredited laboratories and testing facilities ensure the delivery of high-quality, verifiable results.

2. About Gafta www.gafta.com

The Grain and Feed Trade Association 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

3. About AOCS www.aocs.org

The American Oil Chemists' Society is a global forum that promotes the successful exchange of ideas, information and experience while enhancing personal excellence and providing high quality standards for those with a professional interest in the science and technology of fats, oils, surfactants and related materials. Their code of Ethics promotes quality and high standards of professionalism.

4. About AACC www.aacc.org

AACC International is a non-profit organization of members who are specialists in the use of cereal grains in foods. The Association was previously known as the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC). In 2005, members of the Association approved changing the organization's name to AACC International in order to better reflect the direction of the Association and the grains industry as a whole.

5. About FOSFA www.fosfa.org

The Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations Ltd is the leading international contract issuing and arbitral body concerned exclusively with the world trade in oilseeds, oils, fats and groundnuts. Internationally, 85% of the global trade in oils and fats is traded under FOSFA contracts.