



ForFarmers expands the use of Custodian for Legal

ForFarmers is an international operating feed company that offers Total Feed solutions for conventional and organic livestock farming. The need existed to have a more insightful way of filing, an improved searchability and availability of documents and email, and a better process control and structured information. The search for a comprehensive digital file system with legal project management capabilities that meet the requirements of both business and IT started.

ForFarmers gives its very best “For the Future of Farming”: for the continuity of farming and for a financially secure sector that will continue to serve society for generations to come in a sustainable way. By working side-by-side with farmers ForFarmers delivers real benefits: better returns, healthier livestock and greater efficiency. This is achieved by offering tailored and Total Feed solutions and a targeted approach with specialist and expert support.

Over two years ago ForFarmers started the search for a comprehensive digital file system with legal project management capabilities that meet the requirements of both business and IT. Custodian for Legal was implemented as the solution.

Custodian for Legal is a solution for collaboration and document management (document and email management, intelligent archiving) and legal project management. It is based on Microsoft Office 365/SharePoint, which uses the powerful and familiar interface of Microsoft Outlook and other Office applications. As a result, users retain their already familiar environment. In Outlook is an additional section in which the files are available in a fixed structure (country level, entity/staff, business, any additional attribute). Folders and files are fully searchable – also on metadata. Also, the structure of rights is regulated at different levels. Security was one of the main selection requirements.

After this successful implementation, ForFarmers is now ready for the next step. Custodian for Legal will be used for three additional purposes within the company.

File Timeline

The first functionality of Custodian for Legal includes making reports per matter to display the status, history, changes of rights and updates from lawyers in a chronological order, so that the team can consult the latest status and the history of a file at any time and simply can take over a case from a colleague. Also, the General Counsel always has the possibility to zoom in on the details of a file or project.

File Reporting

In addition, total reviews of all files can be made that display the latest status, priority, business responsible and other characteristics in which users can apply additional filters to customize reports.

Archiving

Now all files are digitally recorded, and all documents and e-mails are stored in these files, it is a logical next step to archive these files. With the introduction of the general data protection regulation (AVG/GDPR), it is also important to archive data according to the prescribed guidelines and also to remove data in a timely manner. Custodian for Legal in combination with standard Sharepoint functionality such as Records Management offers this possibility for ForFarmers.

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