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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CONFIRMS EXCLUSION OF MARKETED FEED FROM WASTE LEGISLATION

At the plenary vote on the amendments to the Waste Framework Directive, the European Parliament left the Commission feed exclusion proposal intact

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On 14 March 2017 the European Parliament voted through the report by Simona Bonafè¹ on the amendments to the Waste Framework Directive, as part of the Circular Economy Package. COCERAL, EFFPA, FEFAC and PFP are pleased that the European Parliament has kept raw materials placed on the market as feed outside the scope of the Waste Framework Directive as proposed by the European Commission². This confirms that these raw materials are subject to EU feed legislation and official feed controls only. COCERAL, EFFPA, FEFAC and PFP stress that good practices in the feed supply chain as regards feed safety management and traceability ensure an uninterrupted HACCP chain in the conversion of by-products from the food and bioenergy chain into feed.

The European Parliament hereby also allows to further build on the approach that former foodstuff processors are fully integrated in the food-to-feed chain and do not operate as '(food) waste recyclers'. It remains extremely important for this sector to obtain the legal certainty that when former foodstuffs are placed on the market as feed, this legal status cannot be overturned by environmental authorities based on by-product criteria interpretation of the Waste Framework Directive.

The vote in plenary session marks the negotiation position of the European Parliament. The position of the Council of Ministers is expected during the Estonian EU Council Presidency.

¹ [P8_TA-PROV\(2017\)0070](#) - European Parliament text adopted on 14 March 2017

² [COM\(2015\) 595 final](#) – “Excluded from the scope of the Waste Framework Directive are: Feed materials as defined in Article 3(2)(g) of Regulation (EC) 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council”.

Notes to the editor:

1. COCERAL is the European association of trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs, oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. COCERAL's full members are 21 national associations in 15 countries and 1 European association [Unistock]. With about 3500 companies as part of COCERAL national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has 1 associated member in Switzerland and 2 European Associations (EUROMALT and EUROMAISIER). Gafta is an extraordinary member of COCERAL.
2. EFFPA, the European Former Foodstuff Processors Association, was founded on 1 January 2014. It represents 4 national associations (UK, NL, DE, FR), 3 full member companies (BE, IT, ES), 2 associate member companies (US, CA) and 1 observer company (GR). EFFPA estimates approximately 3.5 million tonnes of former foodstuffs annually are processed into animal feed in the EU. EFFPA estimates the turnover of the European former foodstuff sector industry was over € 1 billion for 2016.
3. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 24 national Associations in 23 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia and Norway with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 persons on app. 3,500 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
4. The Primary Food Processors of the EU (PFP) is an association composed of European Committee of Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS) - European Cocoa Association (ECA) - European Flour Milling Association (European Flour Millers) - European Vegetable Protein Federation (EUVEPRO) - European Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry (FEDIOL) - European Starch Industry Association (Starch Europe) - PFP members process approximately 220 Million tons of raw materials (cereals, sugar beet, rapeseeds, soybeans, sunflower seeds, crude vegetable oil, cocoa products, starch potatoes...) employing over 120 000 people in the European Union.
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