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## Primary Food Processors' statement on the vote of the European Parliament on Novel Foods

On 28 October 2015, the European Parliament voted on the compromise text agreed with the Council on the revision of the Novel Foods Regulation<sup>1</sup>.

The association of Primary Food Processors (PFP) welcomes the outcome of the vote with regard to the scope of the definition of Novel Food. On this issue, the PFP proposal to reinstate specific food categories (to which a food would have to belong to in order to be classified as a “novel food”) to the date of 15 May 1997, was taken on board.

PFP is also pleased to see MEPs voted to support reference to one single definition of “engineered nanomaterials”. The inclusion of the definition of “engineered nanomaterial” in the Novel Foods Regulation, with the current definition in Food Information Regulation<sup>2</sup> being replaced by a reference to the definition in the Novel Foods Regulation, will avoid divergent interpretation and provide more legal certainty to the operators.

The **Primary Food Processors of the EU (PFP)** consists of six trade associations:

- European Starch Industry Association** (Starch Europe)
- European Committee of Sugar Manufacturers** (CEFS)
- European Cocoa Association** (ECA)
- European Flour Milling Association** (European Flour Millers)
- European Vegetable Protein Federation** (EUVEPRO)
- European Oil and Proteinmeal Industry** (FEDIOL)

PFP represents the European primary food processing industries. It provides the link between agricultural raw materials and final products (secondary processors in the food, feed and non-food sectors). PFP members process approximately **220 million tons of raw materials** (cereals, sugar beet, rapeseeds, soybeans, sunflower seeds, cocoa beans, crude vegetable oil, starch potatoes...) **employing over 120 000 people** in the European Union.

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.

