



## The Vital Link in the Food Chain

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### Statement

#### **Primary Food Processors (PFP) acknowledge final adoption of the future ETS and flag remaining concerns**

**Brussels, 28 April 2023** - Primary Food Processors (PFP) take note of the adoption on 25 April 2023 of the future Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive by Member States as providing for some flexibility. However, concerns remain regarding the future EU's primary food processing industries' ability to implement the necessary adjustments and maintain their competitiveness, hence their operations.

First, the new ETS is significantly more ambitious than previously. The ETS sectors must cut emissions by 62% by 2030 vs 2005 levels, up from the current target of 43%. While PFP sectors are committed to decarbonise, public funding will be essential if we are to get there. The instruments currently foreseen, including the Innovation Fund and Modernisation Fund, may not be sufficient. Additional EU and national financial support should be considered to ensure the future competitiveness of its primary food processing industries.

Finally, we are disappointed that installations where emissions from the combustion of biomass contribute to more than 95 % of the total greenhouse gas emissions will be excluded from the future ETS. This change will discourage installations from making the final step to 100% renewable energy.

