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POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SOY VALUE CHAIN PARTNERS ON NEW ITC/FEFAC BENCHMARKING TOOL

Eight programmes passed review against FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines

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FEFAC and ITC are very pleased with the initial response of soy value chain partners who readily took up the invitation to submit their programmes to the [customised benchmarking system](#) for responsible soy programmes. More than a dozen responsible soy programme owners from producer organisations, traders, FEFAC members and other multistakeholder organisations enquired about the new benchmarking facility.

To the great satisfaction of FEFAC and ITC, 8 of these programmes have successfully met the criteria of the initial benchmarking review against the requirements laid down in the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines:

1. Soy Producer Organisations: AAPRESID-AC (Argentina)
2. Traders & Processors: ADM Responsible Soybean Standard, Cargill Triple-S, Cefetra CRS 3.1
3. FEFAC members: AIC FEMAS (Responsible Sourcing Module) (UK), BEMEFA (Belgian Compound Industry Feed Association)
4. Other organisations: ISCC EU & ISCC PLUS, RTRS

Angela Booth, Chairperson of the FEFAC Sustainability Committee: “We are very pleased with this result. Several of the above mentioned programme owners have put significant effort into aligning their schemes with the requirements of the benchmarking review. It is now possible for interested market partners to start sourcing in line with the FEFAC Soy Sourcing guidelines”.

FEFAC and ITC strongly encourage further submissions by other programme owners which would allow interested EU feed associations and member companies to make further progress towards the mainstream market transition for the supply of responsibly produced

soy to the EU feed sector. FEFAC will continue with outreach activities to promote the Soy Sourcing Guidelines to key supply groups as well as downstream customers in the EU value chain for livestock products.

To build on the transparency and robustness of the process, the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines, the online ITC benchmark tool including a guidance document about the benchmark process and the approved programmes, can be found on www.standardsmap.org/fefac.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 25 national Associations in 24 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 110,000 persons on app. 4,000 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. Farm animals in the EU-28 consume an estimated 475 million tonnes of feed a year, of which about 30% are produced by the compound feed manufacturers. Turnover of the European compound feed industry in 2013 is estimated at € 55 billion.
3. For more information see our web site (www.fefac.eu) or please contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General Tel. +32-2-285.00.50, Fax +32-2-230.57.22, e-mail: fefac@fefac.eu

| 1. Soy Producer Organisations | |
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| 2. Traders & Processors | |
| ADM | ADM Responsible Soybean Standard http://www.adm.com/en-US/responsibility/2014CRRReport/Documents/ADM_Certificacoes_28.04_APROV.pdf Contact: Albrecht Baetge, Sustainability Manager Europe responsiblesoy@adm.com |
| CARGILL | Triple-S (Sustainable Sourced and Supplied) Contact: Peter Smith, Principal Sustainability Advisor (peter_smith@cargill.com) |
| CEFETRA | Certified Responsible Soya standard (CRS 3.1) http://www.cefetra.com/index.php?id=sustainability Contact: Roel Baakman (baakman@cefetra.nl) |
| 3. FEFAC members | |
| AIC-FEMAS | Feed Materials Assurance Scheme https://www.aictradeassurance.org.uk/femas/documents/femas-standards/ Contact: John Kelley, Managing Director (john.kelley@agindustries.org.uk) |
| BEMefa | Belgian Compound Feed Industry Association http://www.bemefa.be/Default.aspx?lang=en Contact: Yvan Dejaegher, Secretary General (Yvan@bemefa.be) |
| 4. Other organisations | |
| ISCC | ISCC EU & ISCC Plus http://www.iscc-system.org/en/iscc-system/iscc-plus/ Contact: Lydia Pforte (lpforte@iscc-system.org) |
| RTRS | Round Table on Responsible Soy Association http://www.responsiblesoy.org/ Contact: Jimena Frojan (jimena.frojan@responsiblesoy.org) |