Sustainability strategy and roadmap for responsible soy

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FEFAC in a nutshell

- Created in 1959
- Represents industrial compound feed and premixtures manufacturers
- 33 Members:
  - 24 Member Associations from 23 EU Member States
  - 2 Observer Members (Serbia, Russia)
  - 7 Associate Members (Turkey, Switzerland, Norway (3), EMFEMA, EFFPA)
- 156 mio. t of industrial compound feed in EU-28 in 2016
- 7 Technical Committees to assist the FEFAC Council
  - Animal Nutrition
  - Industrial Compound Feed Production
  - Premix & Mineral Feed
  - Feed Safety Management
  - Fish Feed
  - Milk Replacers
  - Sustainability
Sustainability for the feed industry

- Safe feed supply
- Competitive feed industry
- Resource-efficient feed industry
- Responsible feed chain
Sustainability ambition

- Communicate the contribution of the EU feed industry using reliable figures
- Contribute or take the lead in the development of
  - Criteria defining sustainable supply
  - Environmental footprinting
- Coordinated action towards more sustainable production
EFAC roadmap towards responsible soy

Two tier approach for mainstream market transformation towards responsible soy in Europe:

- **Market pull**: Accommodate actual demand for responsible soy (e.g. specific standards such as ISCC, Proterra, RTRS, etc.)
- **Market push**: Defining mainstream base level for responsible soy (FEFAC Sourcing Guidelines)
FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines

• Not a new standard!
• Meaningful baseline
• Professional recommendation
• Purchase decision outside FEFAC’s mandate
• Basis for independent benchmark tool with ITC
• Volume-based continuous improvement
FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines

• 6 principles
  – Legal compliance
  – Responsible working conditions
  – Environmental responsibility
  – Good agricultural practices
  – respect for legal use of land / land rights
  – protection of community relations

• 59 criteria
  – 37 essential criteria: all should be met
  – 22 desired criteria: at least 5 should be met
FEFAC Guidelines: verification requirements

• Verification requirements:
  – Leading principles: Effectiveness, efficiency, impartiality, transparency and risk-based

• Two options:
  – Verification at farm level by an accredited third party
  – Allowing for self-assessment and second party audits, accredited third party checks the robustness of the verification system
ITC Benchmarking tool

- Complementarity between FEFAC professional recommendations and existing schemes / standards
- Offer standard owners the possibility to assess compliance with FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines
- Independence, no FEFAC judgement
- Only compliance against FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines is assessed, no comparison between schemes.
Welcome to the FEFAC Sourcing Guidelines Tool

The European Feed Manufacturers’ Federation (FEFAC) wants to help its members to support the transition towards responsibly produced soy. Therefore, FEFAC has developed Soy Sourcing Guidelines defining a baseline level for imported soy to the European market. Via this online tool, owners of standards or programmes for responsible soy can self-assess whether their schemes are compliant with the FEFAC Guidelines and apply for the formal benchmark. The logos of recognized compliant standards or programmes will appear on the homepage of this site. Under the ‘detailed results’ button you will find in-depth information about soy standards and programmes that are already in the ITC Standards Map.
Benchmark tool

- 8 schemes have already successfully completed the benchmarking exercise, including ISCC+
- More on the way
Next steps

- Get more schemes benchmarked against FEFAC soy sourcing guidelines
- Monitor purchase of responsible soy and engage continuous improvement
- Develop criteria applicable for all commodities and feed ingredients
Thank you for your attention