



Joint Statement

European Parliament rejects delegated act on soybean oil, protecting the EU soy value chain

Brussels, 8 July 2026 – The undersigned organisations welcome today's vote by the European Parliament adopting the Motion for a Resolution objecting to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/2680, which would have classified soybean oil as a high indirect land-use change (ILUC) risk feedstock under the Renewable Energy Directive.

This vote sends a strong signal in favour of evidence-based policymaking and greater coherence between the EU's renewable energy, agriculture and food security objectives. It safeguards the competitiveness of the European soy value chain, protects farmers and processors, and supports the EU's ambition to strengthen domestic protein production and strategic autonomy.

We thank Members of the European Parliament for recognising the strategic importance of soybeans for Europe's food and feed supply and for rejecting a methodology that would have undermined investment, innovation and the resilience of the EU protein sector. We now call on the European Commission to develop a transparent, scientifically robust and coherent framework that supports both climate and energy objectives and sustainable European protein production.

The signatories

COCERAL – *The European Association of Trade in Cereals, Oilseeds, Rice, Pulses, Olive Oil, Oils and Fats, Animal Feed and Agrosupply*

COPA-COGECA - *European Farmers and European Agri-Cooperatives*

Donau Soja - *The European, multi-stakeholder, not-for profit membership organisation supporting the European Protein Transition*

EBB - *The European Biodiesel Board*

Euroseeds - *The association representing the European seed sector*

FEDIOL - *The Vegetable oil and protein meal industry*

FEFAC - *The European Feed Manufacturers' Federation*

GAFTA - *The international Grain and Feed Trade Association, representing over 1900 members in 100 countries and promoting international trade in agricultural commodities and animal feed*