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FEFAC and Sindirações sign Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen cooperation and to facilitate a more connected and resilient global feed sector

The European Feed Manufacturers' Federation (FEFAC) and the Brazilian Feed Industry Association (Sindirações) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen cooperation between the European and Brazilian feed sectors. Through the agreement, FEFAC and Sindirações will focus on areas of common interest: feed safety, animal health & welfare, biosecurity, international feed and food standards, sustainable feed production and regulatory developments affecting the sector.

A key element of the Memorandum of Understanding will be the exchange of regulatory developments and relevant expertise, helping both organisations to follow respective legislative initiatives in areas such as feed legislation, feed ingredient approvals, labelling requirements and maximum residue levels. The agreement also covers cooperation in the context of global organisations such as Codex, WOAHA (World Organisation for Animal Health) and the WTO to promote science-based international standards. The dialogue on sustainable production will cover topics such as responsible sourcing and the environmental footprint of feedstuffs. The cooperation will look to facilitate implementation of the EU–Mercosur Partnership Agreement and Interim Trade Agreement, which entered into provisional application on 1 May 2026, to contribute to relevant EU-Brazil and EU-Mercosur stakeholder dialogue on trade of feed ingredients such as soy products, feed grains, co-products from biofuel productions and essential feed additives.

“We welcome this reinforced partnership between FEFAC and Sindirações, which strengthens cooperation between two important compound feed-producing regions exploring the opportunities which can deliver mutual benefit to our respective members. Brazil represents a region of great significance in global feed production and trade with feed ingredients. It is fundamental to maintain market access to ensure EU feed security and a competitive and sustainable livestock production in Europe. Jointly ensuring both European and Brazilian feed production can thrive,” said FEFAC President Nicolas Coudry-Mesny.

“The European Union plays a pivotal role in the global production and trade of feed and feedstuffs. Preserving market access is essential to safeguarding the EU’s feed supply while supporting competitive and sustainable livestock production across Europe. Through close cooperation, Europe and Brazil can foster the continued growth and resilience of their feed industries,” stated Sindirações President Roberto Ignacio Betancourt.

The agreement was signed in the margins of the 19th International Feed Regulators Meeting (IFRM), organised by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), which gathered feed regulators and industry representatives from around the world.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 27 national associations in the 26 European countries.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 23% (147 million tonnes) are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €63 billion.
4. For more information, see our website (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.
5. The forecast for 2026 is subject to change.