

Subject:

FW: INVITATION COCERAL, FEDIOL and FEFAC views on how to accelerate action against deforestation

Dear Commissioner Sinkevicius,

COCERAL, FEDIOL and FEFAC together represent the EU grain and oilseed trade, crushing and animal feed industry. Our members trade, crush, process feed material and provide high-quality, nutritious, safe and sustainable products at all times to the food and livestock industry and to non-food industries.

In light of our central role in the food and feed chain, we have decided to share our expertise and align our outreach activities towards the **sustainable sourcing of certain forest-risk commodities and the main challenges to avoid deforestation or other adverse environmental and climate change impacts.**

The trade, crushing and feed sectors have been extensively engaged over the last years in initiatives aimed at removing products at risk of causing deforestation from their supply chains. We have adapted to market requests and met the demands for increased sustainability. Our companies have made their own sourcing commitments in an effort to contribute to mainstream market transformation of oilseeds and feed grain products, both from home-grown and imported origin.

We have now finalised a position paper which includes our main engagements and views on a possible EU regulatory framework against deforestation.

We are glad to share it with you and we would like to engage in this area of common interest and to further exchange with you (by video or phone) on how to ensure the EU can properly respond to the challenges linked to the overall sustainable transformation of the different supply chains.

For your information, the same communication has also been sent to other European Commissioners and to your colleagues in other relevant Directorates-General.

We would like to thank you in advance for your time and consideration and we remain at your disposal for any further information.

Yours sincerely,
On behalf of COCERAL, FEDIOL and FEFAC

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