To the European Commission,

Thank you once again for an informative meeting of the multi-stakeholder platform with focus on deforestation and forest degradation 25 February 2021. Copa & Cogeca representing European farmers and agri-cooperatives appreciate the possibility to send the following inputs to the ongoing impact assessment:

- European farmers and their cooperatives share the objective to minimize the risk of placing on the European market products that are associated with deforestation and forest degradation.
- Any proposal must be supplemented by an ambitious policy promoting protein crops in Europe and the development of new European protein sources including PAPs.
- The EU-Commission must aim at policy coherence by supplementing the list of deforestation risk products mentioned at the meeting 25 February with Poultry, Pork, Eggs and derived products. Demands to the European Agricultural sector to minimize the risk of importing protein feeding stuffs associated with deforestation and forest degradation must apply also for soy embedded in imported animal products. This will reduce the risk of leakage and contribute to a level playing field.
- Facing in of new policy measures must be carefully timed. On one hand the policy should be ambitious to support a move in the supply chains towards deforestation free supply chains. But placing the bar too high, too quickly, before the supply chains can realistically adjust, will risk driving up costs of imported protein fodder to Europe. This will lead to reduced competitiveness of European animal production, and the risk of production moving out of Europe to countries with limited or no ambition of playing a positive role in the transformation of the supply chains.

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Det danske fødevare erhverv har en vision om at være klimaneutralt i 2050. Sammen med vores medlemmer fra landbruget, fødevare- og agroindustrien, vil vi vise, at der findes en økonomisk bæredygtig vej til en klimaneutral fødevareproduktion. Som repræsentant for hele fødevareklyngen med 186.000 beskæftigede og en årlig eksport på 182 milliarder kroner, repræsenterer vi en værdikæde med tyngde og vilje til at finde løsninger på verdens klimaudfordringer i tæt samspil med resten af Danmark.