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## Statement on a trade distorting practice with Argentinean soybean meal

FEDIOL has been made aware that shipments of Argentinean soybean meal may arrive in Europe under a different heading than under which they could have been declared upon departure in Argentina, with a view to benefit from a more favourable treatment at custom's on departure.

Although the alleged trade practice seems to be limited in scope, it can trigger substantial financial advantages much to the detriment of regular producers and suppliers of soybean meals in Europe.

FEDIOL would like to raise awareness, denouncing such behaviours which use loopholes in the implementation of customs provisions as being discriminatory and deceptive. Their continuation must be strongly discouraged.

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FEDIOL represents the interests of the European vegetable oils and protein meal industry. With over 150 facilities in Europe, the sector provides over 20.000 direct employments. Our members process approximately 56 million tonnes of basic products a year for the food and non-food markets. Oilseed crushing produces vegetable oils and protein meals as co-products. While vegetable oils are used for food and technical uses (pharmaceuticals, paints, detergents, biodiesel, etc.), protein meals are used to meet the increasing global demand for meat and protein.