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FEDIOL statement on the revision of the FEFAC Sustainable Soy Sourcing Guidelines

Five years of implementation of the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines show the need to continue driving sustainable change in mainstream feed material supplies and get to a sizable share of responsible soy on the European market.

The revision of the Guidelines is a welcome step as it is important to continue stimulating improvement along the supply chain as the European Green Deal strategy will ultimately enhance sustainability requirements across our supply chains.

Upgrading the FEFAC Guidelines will allow taking into account certain demands arising in the market. It should also support a necessary convergence of requirements as we see that there is need for more stronger market signals back to the level of production. The no-deforestation and no-conversion criteria have become important drivers on the market, but the issue is complex and we agree that there is need to provide room for biome-specific objectives. This is particularly true when thinking about an appropriate cut-off date. The use of a filter system in the ITC tool can help enhance visibility as to the contribution of benchmarked systems to specific criteria.

There seems to be convergence on the fact that satellite monitoring and farm auditing should continue to be the main tools to assess the status of deforested land.

FEDIOL is a longstanding supply chain partner and actively engaged in bilateral dialogues on a number of topics and will continue supporting FEFAC in this sustainability journey.