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**Commission proposal on the placing on the market and use of feed  
FEFAC briefing note in view of the next EP AGRI Committee debate  
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FEFAC welcomes the completion of the negotiation process undertaken by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission over the past few months and would like to congratulate the EP Rapporteur and Shadow Rapporteurs who, thanks to their contribution and efforts, managed to reach a political compromise thus paving the way for a first reading agreement.

FEFAC is of the opinion that the agreed compromise package meets the initial key political objectives, i.e. to ensure fair trade, to provide for simplified rules for the labelling and the marketing of feed and also to protect the feed industry innovation capacity while ensuring at the same time an adequate flow of meaningful product information throughout the feed chain.

FEFAC believes that this balanced approach is well reflected in the approved text on the following key political features of the Commission proposal:

Community Catalogue of feed materials

FEFAC fully shares the willingness of the EP AGRI Committee to combine mandatory requirements to co-regulation involving all responsible stakeholders. More specifically, FEFAC welcomes the clear statement that the use and the content of such a Catalogue respectively remain voluntary and non-exhaustive. Furthermore, we do consider that the notification procedure and the establishment and review of a register of these notifications are not feed safety related but rather linked to fair trade. Based on this pre-requisite, we therefore can support such provision although it will inevitably imply additional administrative burdens for representatives of the European feed business sectors.

Information on the composition of compound feed – feed materials

FEFAC considers that the compromise provides the compound feed industry with a reasonable level of legal certainty while ensuring farmers access to the information they need and welcome the role conferred to national competent authorities which has been further clarified in this context.

Information on the composition of compound feed – feed additives

FEFAC always took the view that the purpose of the revision of the labelling rules for feed additives was to simplify the existing requirements and make the label more legible for the users. Although this objective is not fully met in our opinion, the compromise approach reducing the number of labelling particulars to be mentioned on the label should provide a reasonable balance.

FEFAC remains at your disposal to illustrate any practical consequence arising during the forthcoming presentation of the results regarding the informal dialogue and encourage the members of the AGRI Committee to continue supporting an agreement in first reading by the end of the current EP mandate.