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First of its kind global Feed LCA guidelines released for public consultation

18 March 2014, Rome – The International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) is pleased to announce the Global Feed Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) guidelines developed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)-led Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance Partnership (LEAP) are now available for public review. IFIF together with the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) and the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation (FEFAC) is a founding member of LEAP, which aims to improve how the environmental impacts of the livestock industry are measured and assessed, an important step to reduce the impact of livestock products on the environment.

FEFAC and AFIA jointly developed Feed LCA recommendations as part of their LEAP contributions, and these form a significant part of the LEAP draft guidelines. In less than two years, the LEAP partners were thus able to develop a methodology that will introduce a harmonized, science-based, practical and international approach to the assessment of the environmental performance of feed supply chains, while taking into account the specificity of the diverse production systems that exist globally.

“The sustainable development of global livestock production is one of the key priorities for IFIF” said Mario Cutait, IFIF’s Chairman. “The LEAP guidelines are the first feed-specific LCA guidelines that reflect a consensus among partners in the multi-stakeholder process, including the FAO, national governments, private sector organizations as well as NGOs. IFIF welcomes these efforts, which represent an important step towards a globally harmonized industry standard for Feed LCA.”

“With global supply chains, it is important to rely on globally harmonized metrics,” added AFIA’s President and CEO Joel G. Newman. “The LEAP guidelines are a significant step forward to help feed companies to develop consistent and credible environmental assessments and therefore to reduce the environmental footprint of livestock products.”

“Common methodology for environmental footprinting is a pre-competitive issue and is part of our customer’s expectations” said FEFAC President Ruud Tijssens. “The main recommendations of the Product Environmental Footprint Guide developed by the European Commission were taken into account in the LEAP process. From a European perspective, this means the LEAP guidelines are the logical and relevant starting point to develop a standard aligned with the recommendations of the European Commission.”

The public review of the feed guidelines begins today and comments are welcome from interested parties until 31 July 2014. The draft guidelines can be accessed on the LEAP website here:

<http://www.fao.org/partnerships/leap/public-review/en/>.

About IFIF

The International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) is made up of national and regional feed associations, feed related organizations, and corporate members from around the globe, representing over 80% of the feed production worldwide. IFIF provides a unified leadership and coordinating role in order to contribute to the sustainable supply of safe, healthy feed and therefore food. For more information on IFIF please visit www.ifif.org or contact Alexandra de Athayde, Executive Director, at info@ifif.org.

About AFIA

The American Feed Industry Association (AFIA) represents the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal feed industry and its suppliers. AFIA also is the recognized leader on international industry developments. Members include more than 500 domestic and international companies and state, regional and national associations. Member-companies are livestock feed and pet food manufacturers, integrators, pharmaceutical companies, ingredient suppliers, equipment manufacturers and companies which supply other products, services and supplies to feed manufacturers. For more information on AFIA please visit www.afia.org or contact Joel Newman, President & CEO, at afia@afia.org.

About FEFAC

FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 22 national Associations in 21 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Norway, Croatia, Serbia and Russia with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 110,000 persons at approximately 4,000 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few other employment opportunities. For more information on FEFAC please visit www.fefac.eu or contact Alexander Döring, Secretary General, at fefac@fefac.eu.

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