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LDC PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PASSES ITC/FEFAC BENCHMARKING EXERCISE

Eighteen programmes now successfully benchmarked against FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines

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FEFAC and ITC are very pleased to announce that the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) Program for Sustainable Agriculture has been successfully benchmarked against the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines through the [customised ITC benchmarking tool](#). Including this standard, there are now eighteen responsible soy programmes that meet the EU feed industry's criteria on responsible soy production.

Christophe Callu-Merite, Chairperson of the FEFAC Sustainability Committee: "The continued benchmarking applications by responsible soy programme owners show the growing acceptance by soy value chain partners of the FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines. The LDC Program for Sustainable Agriculture has recognised the value of qualifying with the EU feed industry's demands and aligned its criteria accordingly".

FEFAC and ITC strongly encourage further submissions by other responsible soy programme owners which would allow interested EU feed associations and member companies to transparently make further progress towards the mainstream market transition for the supply of responsibly produced soy to the EU feed sector. FEFAC will continue with outreach activities to explain the Soy Sourcing Guidelines to key supply groups as well as downstream customers in the EU value chain for livestock products.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 23 national Associations in 23 EU Member States as well as Associations in Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia and Norway with observer/associate member status. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 persons on app. 3,500 production sites often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
2. ITC, the International Trade Centre, is a joint agency of the UN and the WTO aiming to foster inclusive and sustainable growth and development through trade and international business development. Trade for Sustainable Development Programme (T4SD) is one of the ITC programmes and is the facilitator of the FEFAC tool for responsible soy.
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