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### FEFANA Welcomes Its First Associate Member!

**Brussels, 15 July 2013 - FEFANA recently opened its doors to Calpis, the first company joining the organization with an associate membership status.**

Calpis Co., Ltd is a Japanese-based company producing beverages and probiotics for human & animal use. It has no legal entity in the EU but products are regularly exported and distributed in the European market.

Didier Jans, FEFANA Secretary General, as follows: ***"We warmly welcome Calpis as our first associate member. This is certainly a sign of how complex the global market is and the need for companies outside Europe to get closer to those working within the European food & feed law framework, which through certain aspects has a benchmark value around the world. FEFANA - who this year celebrates its 50 anniversary - has already in place the right means to address the concerns and needs of the industry of the Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures within the EU and it is ready to foster collaboration with companies from all over the world that are active on the European market."***

Through an integrated European network, FEFANA brings together business operators of the sector, to promote the benefits and safety of Specialty Feed Ingredients (SFIs) and their Mixtures, and to support Members' effort for safe and cost effective products in the food chain. It represents the views of its Members to the EU and Member States authorities. FEFANA's numerous working groups and task forces address issues of interest for the European market, for both companies inside and outside the EU.

Dr. Noriko Nakamura, Calpis Technical Manager, stated that: ***"My company is very pleased to join FEFANA, a well recognised association not only in the European territory but also worldwide. Through this membership we aim at a better understanding of the functioning of the EU rules regulating specialty feed ingredients."***

FEFANA membership is open to any company involved in the business of SFIs and their Mixtures. Companies having any legal entity with corporate responsibility in manufacture, import or distribution of SFIs and their Mixtures in the EU and EFTA countries can exclusively apply for **full membership**; while **associate membership** is open to those companies with no legal entity in the EU and EFTA countries.

FEFANA enrolls cooperative dialogue with third country authorities and other organisations having related purposes; support coordination and facilitation of international trade. As an active member of the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) FEFANA is currently collaborating on certain international initiatives, such as the **Global Regulatory Convergence Project** - aims at facilitating access to regulation and enforcement practices in different regions of the world, fostering mutual understanding of the regulatory framework applicable to SFIs and their Mixtures.

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