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## **SFIS Consortium finalizes Product Category Rules for evaluation of environmental footprint of animal production when using Specialty Feed Ingredients in feed**

*Brussels, 25 November 2015* – The Specialty Feed Ingredients Sustainability (SFIS) Project Consortium, dedicated to reducing the environmental impact of livestock production through innovative specialty feed ingredients, today announced the finalization of Product Category Rules (PCRs) for the evaluation of the environmental footprint of animal production, when using Specialty Feed Ingredients (SFIs) in feed.

Commissioned by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and the EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures (FEFANA), the overall results of the SFIS study showed that the use of SFIs in animal diets reduces the consumption of basic feed ingredients.

The rigorous SFIS analysis provides solid scientific evidence demonstrating that the use of amino acids and phytase contributes to the mitigation of the environmental impact from poultry and pig production. The addition of these specialty feed ingredients reduces excretion of nitrogen and phosphorus into the environment, while at the same time reducing the recourse to finite resources (e.g. phosphate). The results of the study were validated by an independent Scientific Council made up of global experts in the fields of LCA methodology and animal nutrition.

“The development of product category rules is an important achievement for the specialty feed ingredients industry as it establishes common agreed rules to be used by all” said Dr. Michael Binder, Chair of the SFIS Technical Board. “By setting up a standard approach, the SFIS project will enable specialty feed ingredients to be included in the evaluation of mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impact of animal production on a global basis” added Dr. Binder.

“The SFIS project partners are committed to sharing the positive results of their work with international organizations and other feed chain operators,” highlighted Mr. Philippe Becquet, Chair of the SFIS Management Board. “The project team, supported by its Scientific Council, will publish the results in the forthcoming issue of the peer reviewed Scientific Journal of Animal Science. The SFIS project is a prominent example of how the feed industry is working together to improve the sustainability of the whole feed and food chain,” added Mr. Becquet.

### **About the SFIS Consortium**

The Specialty Feed Ingredients Sustainability (SFIS) project consortium is led by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) and the EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures (FEFANA), and brings together the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), the Japan Feed Manufacturers Association (JFMA) and the Brazilian Feed Industry Association (Sindirações), as well as companies active in the production of feed and specialty feed ingredients. The project partners have joined together to measure and establish

the role of specialty feed ingredients, specifically amino acids and enzymes, on the environmental impact of livestock production and are united in the goal to contribute to the reduction of emissions in the food and feed chain. A Scientific Council composed of distinguished world-class experts serves as the independent advisory body for the SFIS Project. For more information please visit [www.ifif.org](http://www.ifif.org).

### **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 provide a unified voice and leadership to represent and promote the global feed industry as an essential participant in the food chain that provides sustainable, safe, nutritious and affordable food for a growing world population. For more information on IFIF please visit [www.ifif.org](http://www.ifif.org) or contact Alexandra de Athayde, Executive Director, at [info@ifif.org](mailto:info@ifif.org).

### **About FEFANA**

FEFANA (EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures) is the united voice of the specialty feed ingredients business in Europe. FEFANA membership comprises manufacturers and traders of feed additives, functional feed ingredients, premixes and other mixtures of specialty ingredients that enter the food chain via feed. FEFANA facilitates the dialogue between EU institutions and feed business operators while promoting feed and food safety and a fair and competitive market. For any additional information please contact the FEFANA Secretariat at [info@fefana.org](mailto:info@fefana.org) or visit the website at [www.fefana.org](http://www.fefana.org).

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