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FEFAC's initial public statement on EC regulation 74/2025/EC imposing provisional anti-dumping duties on Lysine imports from China

FEFAC President Pedro Cordero noted the European Commission's decision to impose high anti-dumping import duties for lysine from China published on 14 January 2025. In his initial response to this unprecedented measure for critical feed additives,

Pedro Cordero stated: " the EU premix and compound feed manufacturers expressed deep concern about the extremely high level of the provisional EU import tariffs for Lysine. Currently, the EU depends on China for 60% of its Lysine demand (total EU usage app 500,000 tons equivalent lysine hydrochloride). There are no sufficient alternative supplies from EU production or other 3rd countries which can replace imports from China. Therefore, this measure may lead to significant adverse economic consequences for the EU feed and livestock sector.

Pedro Cordero stated: "FEFAC wants to alert the EU Commission that the provisional import duties may disrupt lysine imports and will have an inflating impact on quotations of lysine on the EU market creating market distortions with 3rd countries. FEFAC therefore calls on the EU Commission to provide effective and targeted financial compensation for EU livestock farmers, who will see their competitiveness further weakened, particularly for poultry and pig production."

He underlined: "FEFAC in no way condones dumping practices distorting fair competition. FEFAC is also supportive of any targeted EC policy measures which could help strengthen the competitiveness of EU feed additive producers, which could reduce strategic dependence on China for critical feed additives. FEFAC therefore urges the EU to recognise essential amino acids and vitamins as "critical materials". The EU must initiate a reflection on how to stimulate significant investments, via adaptation of current EU policies in order to increase production and diversification of the EU supply chain for critical feed additives.

Notes to the editor:

1. FEFAC, the European Compound Feed Manufacturers' Federation, represents 23 national associations in the EU Member States, as well as associate members in the UK, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey.
2. The European compound feed industry employs over 100,000 people on the approx 3,200 production sites, often in rural areas, which offer few employment opportunities.
3. Farm & Pet animals in the EU27 consume an estimated 644 million tonnes of feed per year, of which about 23% are produced by compound feed manufacturers. The turnover of the European compound feed industry is estimated at €50 billion.
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