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Subject: Common language on the reporting related to PMEM and PMM

Dear Nathalie,

We are writing to you as Secretaries General of **COCERAL**, **UNISTOCK** and **FEDIOL**, the European association representing, respectively, the agricultural commodities traders, the professional storekeepers for agribulk commodities and the vegetable oil and protein meal industry.

Together with EuropaBio staff and companies, during the current year we have carried out an exercise on the language to be used by biotech companies for both the Post-Market Environmental Monitoring plan (PMEM plan) and the post-market monitoring of authorised GM events with enhanced nutritional characteristics (PMM plan). The aim was to come up with a commonly agreed language for both plans, so to secure harmonised reporting modalities as well as the proper allocation of responsibilities all along the supply chain.

Further to the agreement of the European Commission on both the draft texts, **COCERAL**, **UNISTOCK** and **FEDIOL** expect that:

- Biotech companies will perform the reporting to the Commission according to the language agreed (as per annexes enclosed herewith);
- EuropaBio will ensure a proper communication to its members in that respect;
- Any change in the agreed language will be promptly communicated to **COCERAL**, **UNISTOCK** and **FEDIOL**, and jointly assessed accordingly.

Particularly for the PMM plan, **COCERAL** will inform its contacts at the exporting points in third countries about the agreed language.

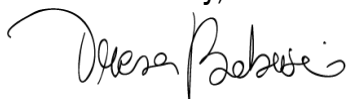
COCERAL, **UNISTOCK** and **FEDIOL** wish to express their appreciation for the way this process has been carried out by EuropaBio and biotech companies, from the beginning of the discussions until its positive outcome. Even if certain disagreement may have appeared along the way, all

parties involved committed to a mutually beneficial dialogue, which allowed all of us to reach a result in the interest of the supply chain. COCERAL, UNISTOCK and FEDIOL expect more processes like this one to happen in the future.

Confident of being on the same page for the matter, we seize the opportunity to wish you a pleasant week.

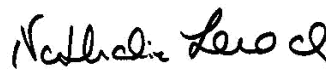
Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,



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COCERAL and UNISTOCK



Nathalie Lecocq

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Annexes:

- EuropaBio COCERAL UNISTOCK FEDIOL _ PMEM plan for GM crops
- EuropaBio COCERAL UNISTOCK FEDIOL recommended language for PMM reporting for GM crops

COCERAL is the European association of trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. **COCERAL's** full members are 26 national associations in 18 countries and 1 European association [Unistock]. With about 3500 companies as part of **COCERAL** national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has two associated members in Switzerland and Serbia and one extraordinary member Gafta.

Unistock Europe is the only European association of professional storekeepers for agribulk commodities in the European Union. Unistock Europe full members are present in **11 countries** [Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the UK]. With a total of approximately 79 port silos facilities Unistock Europe proactively represents the united voice for the agribulk storage sector towards the EU authorities. Unistock Europe has also four extraordinary members in Argentina, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands. Unistock Europe is a full member of COCERAL, the European agribulk trade association.

FEDIOL is the EU vegetable oil and proteinmeal industry association, representing the interests of the European seed and bean crushers, meal producers, vegetable oils producers, refiners and bottlers. **FEDIOL's** members are 12 national associations and associated company members in 5 other EU countries. With about 150 facilities in Europe, the sector provides 20,000 direct employments. Its members process approximately 55 million tonnes of basic products a year, both of EU origin and imported from third country markets. The sector processes notably rapeseed, sunflower seed, soybeans and linseed into oils and meals for food, feed, technical and energy uses essentially on the European market.