



PRESS RELEASE

FEFANA welcomes Mr. John Dalli as European Commissioner for Health and Consumers

Brussels, 10 February 2010 -- After the 26 hearings of Commissioner-designates, the new European Commission was finally approved by vote of the European Parliament yesterday. The new Commission is expected to start work today and its term of office will run until October 31, 2014.

FEFANA welcomes the new team of EU Commissioners and is particularly pleased with the appointment of Mr. John Dalli* as the new Commissioner for Health and Consumers, in particular at the light of the statements he made during his public hearing at the Parliament on 14 January 2010.

FEFANA supports Dalli's commitment to strongly defend the single market and to reinforce harmonized rules, which will have long term benefits for the consumers. While highlighting the importance of food safety, Dalli also insisted on the necessity to strengthen enforcement capabilities, and to assure that Member States have all the necessary means in place for effective implementation towards all domestic and importing operators on the EU market. In this respect, he pointed out that the achievability of enforcement will be in perspective when proposing a legislation, from the early assessment of it.

Mr. Dalli will be serving as Health and Consumer Policy Commissioner, managing a broad portfolio which includes new responsibilities such as pharmaceutical products and biotechnology. The shift of these policies to DG Sanco should lead to a more consistent and coherent approach to public health policy and more specifically to ensure protection of consumers throughout the European Union.

Looking forward to the new Commission's commitments for the sake of better enforcement of the legislation, FEFANA hopes this new era will bring an even stronger recognition of the major and unique contribution of the feed additive and premixture industry to animal health, sustainable animal production, and safety of animal products.

**John Dalli (Malta, 1948) held various high level posts in financial administration and general management prior to working for the Maltese Government for more than 15 years. In 2008, John Dalli became Malta's Minister of health and social policy. FEFANA acknowledges the new Commissioner's competencies and direct experience in policies related to his current designation.*

About FEFANA

FEFANA is the EU Feed Additives and Premixtures Association. It was established on 13 October 2004 and is the new juridical form of the feed additives operators association which was originally founded in 1963. With more than 100 members from 28 countries, the Association is the interface between the feed additives industry and the European Union authorities, including Member States authorities, in order to promote, safeguard and defend common and general interests of the industry (in several topics like guidelines, register,

labelling and definitions, analysis, feed hygiene and food chain safety or non-feed use of additives). FEFANA's President is Dr. Frank Chmitelin of Adisseo.

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