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FEDIOL comments to the European Commission Roadmap on the Evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 on nutrition and health claims made on food with regard to nutrient profiles

FEDIOL and structure of the EU vegetable oil and fat sector

FEDIOL is the European federation representing the interests of the European vegetable oil and protein meal industry. Directly and indirectly, FEDIOL covers about 150 processing sites that crush oilseeds/oil fruits and/or refine crude vegetable oils and fats. These plants belong to around 35 companies. It is estimated that over 80% of the EU crushing and refining activities is covered by the FEDIOL membership structure.

The activity of oilseed processing is spread over 17 Member States with a concentration of plants with crushing and refining activities in countries such as Germany, the Netherlands, France, Spain, UK, Italy, Czech Republic, Poland and Belgium.

FEDIOL input to the European Commission Roadmap

FEDIOL welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the European Commission Roadmap on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 on nutrition and health claims made on food with regard to nutrient profiles.

FEDIOL supports the need for a comprehensive evaluation. In this sense, the objectives and questions suggested in the Roadmap are well addressing the issue. In particular, FEDIOL welcomes the importance of understanding, if the non-setting of nutrient profiles at EU level had impacts, costs and benefits from the angle of food information to consumers, trade, internal market evolution and existing regulatory framework. In this perspective, the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on food information to consumers, with notably specific rules for vegetable oils and fats, needs to be assessed in depth.

FEDIOL looks forward to the stakeholder consultation expected as from the second half of 2016 and will provide further input at this occasion.