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COCERAL welcomes the adoption on Regulatory Technical Standards on Position Limits

Brussels, 15 February 2017 - COCERAL welcomes the outcome of the vote at the European Parliament, adopting the Regulatory Technical Standards for the application of position limits to commodity derivatives – RTS 21.

The RTS 21, as adopted today provides a workable approach to fulfil the objectives of MIFID II. It provides the necessary tools to National Competent Authorities to react to markets developments and take further measures to that end should there be a need.

Welcoming the outcome of the vote today, Secretary General of COCERAL, Teresa Babuscio, stated that: “The implementation of MIFID II will provide reliable information which is not available today. We are looking forward to cooperating with National Competent Authorities and other regulators in meeting the new set of regulatory requirements.”

Commenting on the outcome of the vote, Mrs. Babuscio further elaborated that: “The vote of today will provide certainty for liquidity in the European agricultural derivatives markets which provide the necessary and specific risk-management tools for European farmers and European industries”

COCERAL members support the objectives of MiFID II for increasing transparency on the financial markets and thank the Members of the European Parliament for their efforts on the file.

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