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COCERAL Statement on trade practices involving soybean meal imported from Argentina

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COCERAL has been made aware of a questionable trade practice involving soybean meal imported in the EU market from Argentina.

The feed material would be allegedly exported from Argentina under a custom heading and then imported into the EU under a different one with a significant competitive advantage on the market.

COCERAL takes the distance from such behaviour constituting an unfair practice on the market potentially damaging the trade reputation.

The Secretariat felt compelled to reiterate the information to members following up the same warning distributed in December 2014 and it invites members associations to inform the respective economic operators at national level.

COCERAL will not take action for the time being unless members instruct differently.

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