



## JOINT PRESS RELEASE

**COCERAL, COGECA AND UNISTOCK publish translations of the EU Guide of Good Hygiene Practices in all EU languages**

**Brussels, 21 March 2017** - The translations of the EU Guide of Good Hygiene, made available by European Commission in all EU Official Languages, is published and now available.

The European Guide of Good Hygiene Practices - developed by COCERAL, COGECA and UNISTOCK provides a comprehensive tool for addressing general requirements as well as sector-specific provisions for the collection, storage, trading and transport of cereals, oilseeds, protein crops, and other plant and derived-products. The European Guide has been approved by the European Commission in July 2015 and published in the Official Journal in December 2016.

Teresa Babuscio Secretary General of COCERAL and UNISTOCK, conveyed the following message: “We are thankful for the European Commission for the translations of the Guide and making it accessible for all operators across the EU. This will surely facilitate the understanding and good practices on how to manage salmonella and for monitoring dioxins, amongst others. The specific chapter for good hygiene practices for storing grains at the silos located at ports gives an inclusive approach to supply chain operations, enhancing consumer health and safety” Drawing on the importance of the Guide, Pekka Pessonen, Secretary General of COGECA further elaborated: “The Guide reinforces the mycotoxin risk management and extends to co-products, strengthening guidance on traceability and reinforcing good practices on drying.”.

COCERAL, COGECA and UNISTOCK are committed to keeping the Guide up-to-date so that it can be adapted to the new food and feed safety requirements as well as to new risk management methods, in collaboration with the food and feed chain partners and Member States.

The translations of the Guide in all EU languages are available on the COCERAL website at this [link](#).

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## Notes to the editor

**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 21 national associations in 15 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 1 associated member in Switzerland and 2 European Associations (EUROMALT and EUROMAISIERS). Gafta is an extraordinary member of COCERAL.

**COGECA** is the European voice of agri-cooperatives. It represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 35 member organisations from the EU member states.

**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. With a total of approximately 79 port silos facilities Unistock Europe proactively represents the united voice for the agri-bulk storage sector towards the EU authorities. UNISTOCK Europe is a full member of COCERAL.