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## The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed

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### IPIFF welcomes the ENVI Committee's vote backing the authorisation of insect PAPs in poultry and pig feed

The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) - the umbrella association of the European insect sector in the EU's capital, Brussels - welcomes today's vote of the ENVI Committee [1] backing a regulatory proposal from the European Commission on the use of insects processed animal proteins (PAPs) for monogastric animals (i.e. poultry and swine) [2].

In line with the applicable EU rules [3], this positive vote follows the 'green light' given by the [EU Member States on April 13th this year](#) [4]. 'Today's vote reflects the political support of the European Parliament on the authorisation of insect PAPs in poultry and pig feed, bringing us one step closer to the final authorisation phase', stated IPIFF's President, **Adriana Casillas**. 'The upcoming authorisation represents a relevant milestone for our sector, as it will unlock two of the key markets targeted by insects as feed producers. It will therefore be instrumental in upscaling the European insect sector', explained the IPIFF Chair.

According to IPIFF, the authorisation of insect PAPs in poultry and pig feed would contribute to improving the European livestock sector sustainability and competitiveness and reducing EU's protein deficit. 'More widely, it would improve the resilience of agri-food supply, in line with the objective of the EU Farm to Fork strategy and of the new Circular Economy Action Plan', emphasised the IPIFF 1st Vice President, **Aman Paul**. 'In the past years, insect producers have worked closely with academia and feed manufacturers to develop products that are aligned with the nutritional needs of poultry and swine animals. We look forward to offering local solutions to pig and poultry farmers involved in both conventional and organic production', complemented **Christophe Trespeuch**, the Chair of the IPIFF Working Group on 'Feed Hygiene and Animal Nutrition'.

The final procedural steps should be completed during the following weeks, including the formal adoption of the authorisation by the College of Commissioners (European Commission) by the end of the summer. 'After years of continuous dialogue with the European Commission, Member States' experts and MEPs, we now look forward to these final steps before the authorisation becomes effective. Hopefully, that will happen in the course of the autumn', concluded the IPIFF Secretary-General, **Christophe Derrien**.

[1]. Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament (EP).

[2]. Vote on a Commission regulation that aims at amending the Section F of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.

[3]. i.e. EU regulatory procedure with scrutiny.

[4]. The text enjoyed a 'qualified majority' from the EU Member States representatives.

**Note:** This future authorisation follows the approval of insect PAPs in aquaculture feed from July 2017 (voted by the EU Member States in December 2016) and will open two of the most relevant EU animal feed markets, which represent circa 65% of the EU compound feed production. Following the entry into force of this implementing regulation, the demand for insects as feed is expected to grow, leading to an increase in the production capacity of the sector (for further reference, please refer to the [IPIFF market factsheet on insects as feed](#)). More information on possible frequently asked questions (FAQs) on this matter are presented in the [IPIFF FAQs on the authorisation of insect PAPs in poultry and pig feed](#).

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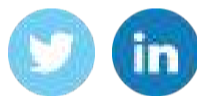
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