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AMFEP's commitment and pledge to the Code of Conduct for responsible food business and marketing practices

The Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products (AMFEP) is an EU-based association created in 1977 and consisting of 29 members, representing over 90% of the European and over 80% of the world enzyme market. AMFEP serves as a hub for information exchange and dialogue between enzymes producers and formulators, industry organisations, the scientific community and policy-makers and promotes co-operation on regulatory and safety aspects of enzymes.

Members of AMFEP produce and sell enzyme products for use in food, feed and technical industries. Enzymes are used in a variety of industrial and professional applications such as food & beverage, animal nutrition, detergents and/or textile production. They support and accelerate a number of bio-chemical reactions that drive environmental efficiency across many diverse EU sectors, in small to large companies.

Enzymes are biocatalysts that help reduce energy consumption and raw material in production, improve process efficiencies, and replace or reduce chemicals harmful to humans and the environment in applications ranging from food production, textile manufacturing, animal nutrition, to paper and pulp, and even to detergents. As such, they have been supporting a wide range of industries in their sustainability journey for many decades and are an enabling technology for meeting the EU's ambitious sustainability objectives in a variety of policies, including the Bioeconomy Strategy, Industrial Strategy, Farm-to-Fork Strategy, the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability, the Circular Economy Action Plan and Zero Pollution Action Plan.

By signing the Code of Conduct, as an association signatory, AMFEP pledges to:

- endorse the aspirational objectives set out in this Code (where applicable);
- promote and disseminate this Code with(in) their constituency/ies;
- encourage their members to align their sustainability actions and/or business practices to the aspirational objectives and targets of the Code and invite them, on a voluntary basis, to adhere to this Code, as appropriate;
- explore the possibility of developing sector-specific tools and resources in support of this Code;
- provide, on an annual basis, a report of their activities in support of this Code, which will be published on an open dedicated website;

- continue to engage in dialogue with other food chain/systems actors and EU and international policy-makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange good practices and discuss challenges encountered, learn from each other (studies, projects) and create better mutual understanding, and identify opportunities for collaboration and potential partnership.

In particular, with the help of its Sustainability Working Group, AMFEP commits to develop case studies and factsheets to be made publicly available, in order to illustrate for all relevant stakeholders the sustainability benefits that enzymes can bring in many applications.

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