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Statement

Copa and Cogeca’s initial reaction to the EU–Indonesia CEPA

Copa and Cogeca take note of today’s conclusion of the EU–Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. The agreement holds important opportunities for certain EU agri-food sectors, but its real value will depend on the effective removal of non-tariff barriers and the delivery of faster, more predictable procedures for exporters.

Copa and Cogeca appreciate that the EU’s sensitivities, such as rice, sugar, eggs, bananas and ethanol have been fully respected, and that the recognition of EU food safety, animal health and plant health standards is strictly upheld. We particularly note the strong protection secured for iconic European Geographical Indications. Also welcomed is the agreement of the Sustainable Food Systems Chapter, that should underpin future closer collaboration between EU and Indonesian institutions and producers to move together in delivering more sustainable and resilient agriculture sectors.

To ensure that European farmers and agri-cooperatives benefit from the agreement, the Commission must now focus on ensuring genuine market opening, enforcement of GIs protection, strengthening promotion activities, and actively supporting B2B relationships with Indonesian buyers.

Copa and Cogeca, will further evaluate the outcome of the agreement once the official texts have been released.

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Translations will be available in DE, ES, FR, IT, PL and RO on the Copa-Cogeca website soon.

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