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CEFS WELCOMES TRILOGUE AGREEMENT ON NEW GENOMIC TECHNIQUES REGULATION

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The European Association of Sugar Manufacturers ([CEFS](#)), part of the Primary Food Processors ([PEP](#)), warmly welcomes the provisional trilogue agreement reached on the EU Regulation on New Genomic Techniques (NGTs). The outcome closely reflects CEFS' long-standing position and key priorities, and marks an important step toward enabling the uptake of innovative plant breeding tools in the EU.

CEFS welcomes the **final balanced agreement** which paves the way for the uptake of NGT varieties in the EU in line with global developments. The agreement preserves the European Commission's recognition that certain NGT plants can be "conventional-like" when their genetic changes could also occur naturally or through conventional breeding. It is essential that these Category 1 plants benefit from simplified rules, without GMO-style requirements, and with labelling limited to seeds and reproductive material. Crucially, final products placed on the market will not require NGT labelling, and transparency will be ensured via public databases. CEFS fully supports this approach, that will allow for an effective development of NGT varieties in many sectors.

CEFS supports the constructive and pragmatic agreement reached, which will support the development of resilient, sustainable plant varieties while ensuring clarity and confidence for farmers, processors, and consumers across Europe and while supporting the EU agri-food chain's competitiveness.

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