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## **CEFS WELCOMES FINAL ADOPTION OF THE NEW GENOMIC TECHNIQUES REGULATION**

**The European Association of Sugar Manufacturers (CEFS) warmly welcomes today’s final adoption by the European Parliament of the Regulation on plants obtained through New Genomic Techniques (NGTs), marking the conclusion of a long legislative process.**

Following the trilogue agreement reached in December 2025, this vote provides long-awaited legal clarifications and paves the way for the uptake of innovative plant breeding tools in the EU.

CEFS supports the balanced and science-based framework, notably the recognition that some NGTs (“Category 1 NGTs”) can be regarded as “conventional-like”. The proportionate labelling approach, limited to seeds and reproductive material, alongside transparency through public databases, strikes the right balance between consumer information and innovation.

“This Regulation will support the development of resilient and sustainable crop varieties, helping farmers and processors address climate, resource, and competitiveness challenges while aligning the EU with global developments” said Marie-Christine Ribera, CEFS’ Director General.

CEFS thanks the European institutions and all stakeholders for their work on this file and looks forward to its swift and effective implementation.

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