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Report Highlights:

The Parliament of Poland extended until January 1, 2030, exemptions of provisions under the 2006 Feed Act to ban the use of genetically engineered (GE) feed ingredients. Poland is a major import of soybean meal, including GE meal, with imports reaching \$1.5 billion each year.

The Parliament of Poland has extended exemptions until January 1, 2030, to provisions under the 2006 Feed Act (The Feed Law of July 22, 2006, Journal of Laws of 2023, item 1149) banning the use of GE feed ingredients in animal nutrition. The new regulations which include this postponement, as an amendment to the Act of September 27, 2024, will enter into force on January 1, 2025.

The legislators have amended the 2006 Feed Law for the seventh time, postponing the effective date of the ban on genetically modified feed for another five years.

According to a statement of the Polish Ministry of Agriculture, Poland currently lacks viable alternatives for imported soybean meal due to local climatic conditions and insufficient supplies of locally grown plant proteins. It argued that imposing the ban would threaten the competitiveness of exports, especially meat. As indicated, soybean meal is a key ingredient in compound feeds for poultry and pigs.

According to the Government of Poland, giving up GE soybean meal would also cause:

- a strong increase in the cost of production of industrial feed,
- a significant deterioration in the financial, economic and social situation in the sphere of pig production and input distribution,
- an increase in retail prices of animal food and animal products,
- deterioration of the competitiveness of the Polish swine and poultry sector on European and world markets
- the threat of increased imports of pork and poultry meat.

Poland imports about 2.5 million metric tons (MT) of soybean meal each year, worth around \$1.5 billion. Much of this used by the poultry industry, and Poland is the largest exporter of poultry meat in the EU.

Attachments:

No Attachments.