

# *Food and Feed Industry View*

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## Outline

1. FEDIOL and sourcing of commodities
2. FEDIOL work agenda to manage MRL changes and pesticides
3. Increased uncertainty and threat on supplies
4. Concluding remarks



## Facts and figures (2019 EU)



**42** million tons  
oilseeds crushed



**27** million tons  
of meals produced



**15** million tons  
of oils produced



**19.1** million tons  
of oils refined, of which...



**6.8** million tons  
of tropical oils



**85%** of the  
market covered



**23.7** billion € turnover



**180** plants

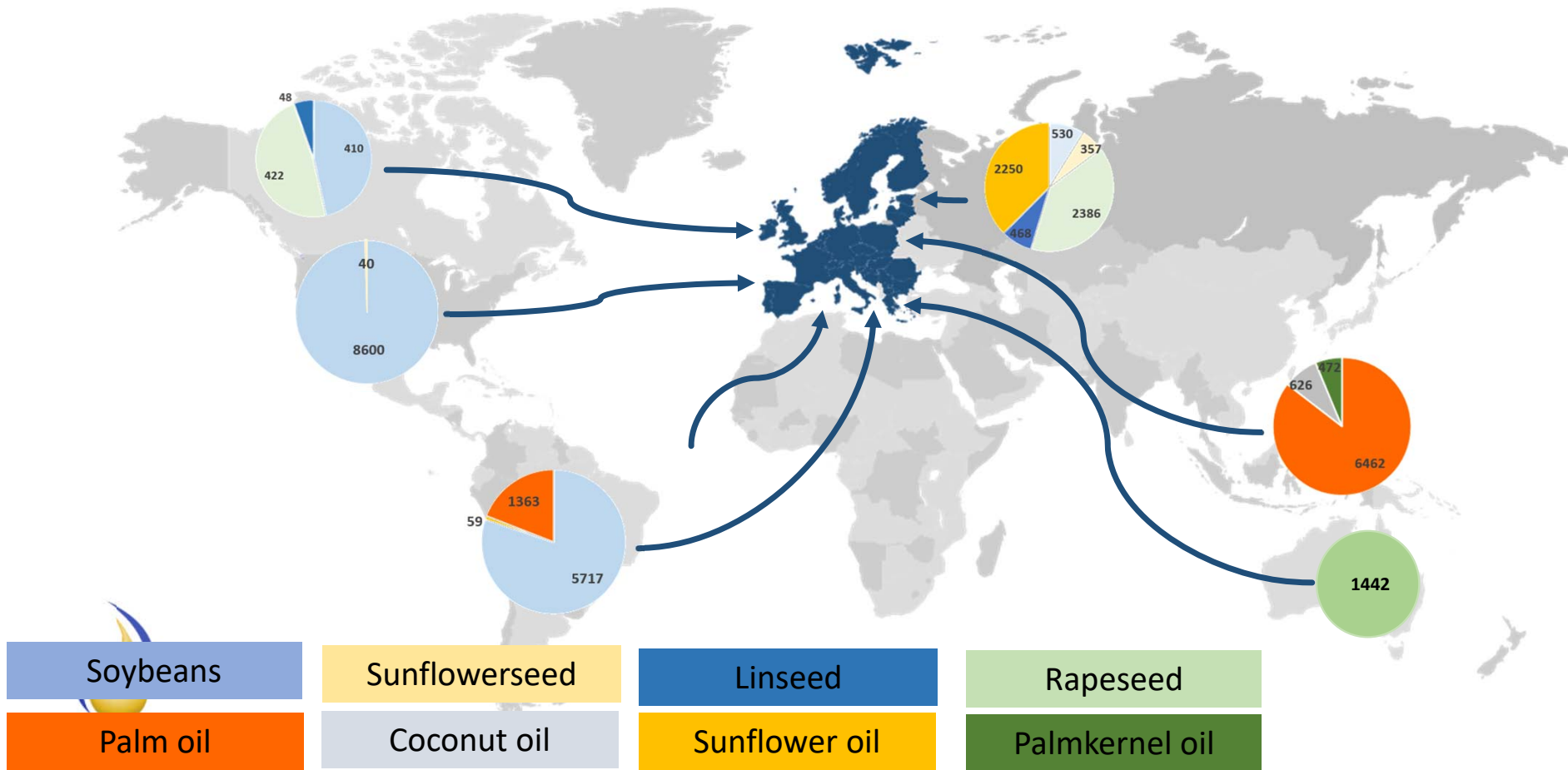


**+/-70** companies



**20,000** direct jobs

## EU IMPORTS OF OILSEEDS & VEGETABLE OILS (2019) – in 1000 t



## 2. FEDIOL work agenda to manage MRL changes



Collecting and  
monitoring data



Anticipating MRL  
changes through  
EFSA opinions\*

Likelihood	Consequences			
	Very Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Highly Unlikely
Riskiness	High	High	High	Medium
Major impacts	High	High	Medium	Medium
Minor impacts	High	Medium	Medium	Low
Negligible impacts	Medium	Medium	Low	Low

Assessing the  
risk of non-  
compliance\*



Engaging with  
producers of  
PPPs\*

List of pesticides  
in contracts



Outreach (EU  
and non-EU)\*



Regulatory  
engagement\*



\* In cooperation with COCERAL and FEFAC

### 3. Increased uncertainty and threat on supplies

- MRL revision for « **cut-off** » substances
  - ✓ Still uncertainty as to practical implementation
  - ✓ Possibility to submit IT request but « theoretical »
- **European Parliament objections** on MRL proposals
  - ✓ *Among the justifications* : environmental protection, precautionary principle, not to encourage use of banned substances by 3<sup>rd</sup> countries, EFSA still working on methods to assess cumulative effects of residues...
  - ✓ *Concrete impacts*: EU companies struggling to get their supplies in linseed
    - EFSA opinion on import tolerance for haloxyfop in linseed in November 2018
    - In April and Sept. 2020, EP objections: first time because of another pesticide incl. in same piece of Regulation, second time against MRL proposal for haloxyfop → IT still not adopted today!
    - EU linseed supply security and related jobs put at risk, when no health risk and while no positive outlook for more EU linseed agricultural production

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- **Farm to fork strategy**
  - ✓ **Sustainable Use Directive** revision & **Organic action plan**
    - How reduction targets are going to be designed and implemented?
    - Concerns over impacts on EU oilseed production
  - ✓ **Environmental aspects** to be take into account when assessing **import tolerances**
    - How is new focus on sustainability over food safety going to translate practically
  - ✓ **Green Diplomacy** to promote EU agenda on pesticides
  - ✓ What role for research, innovation and new technologies
  - ✓ Europe faces already **numerous consequences** of new policy and we are only at the beginning of a **highly ambitious process of change**
    - More questions than answers to these new challenges
    - Limited outlook for solving problems of pesticides and MRLs (EU and in third countries)

# Concluding remarks

- Industry responsibility to deliver compliant products
- Management of MRLs is a complex challenge
- Intensive area of work for both companies and associations to reduce exposure to non-compliant PPPs:
  - Anticipation
  - Outreach
- Despite commitment and effort, operators face increasing uncertainties, with both EU and imported supplies being threatened
- Integrated and broad vision of how pest control has to evolve
- Transition & support needed for the supply chain and partners in the chain (EU & non-EU)



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