



Global Alliance of Pet Food Associations Technical Congress

Pet food has long been a key partner with renderers around the globe — the World Renderers Organization is fostering our relationship with this market. The Global Alliance of Pet Food Associations is a non-profit, representing 14 national and regional pet food industry associations and three companies of pet food manufacturers across the world.

On June 20, the WRO was invited to give a virtual speech at the GAPFA Technical Congress regarding the sustainability and availability of rendered products for the pet food industry. I had the honor to represent WRO, presenting the material developed along with WRO officers.

With almost 40 online attendees, the presentation included benefits brought by rendered products, including water recovery, nutrients recycling and the lower demand of arable land, resulting in lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, among other benefits.

During the meeting, a market evaluation regarding the availability of the rendered products was also addressed, pointing to some new demand from emerging markets, like sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Several international actions are driving and shaping this demand, including environmental regulations like Fit for 55, the EU's yet-to-be-finalized SAF package; the Act for Sky, which was founded earlier this year by 16 Japanese corporations voluntarily working to commercialize domestically produced SAF; and Clean Skies for Tomorrow, which has more than 60 corporations shifting to zero emissions from aviation through the use of SAF by 2050.

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Council, which concerns the availability of fertilizers used in the EU and has been operational since July. The goal of the legislation is to encourage the development and market presence of more climate friendly fertilizers.

The U.S.-based Pet Food Institute was also participating in the event and invited WRO to repeat the presentation at its board meeting. The presentation took place virtually Aug. 17, with almost 60 attendees from the U.S. pet food industry.

Regarding the BSE chapter review of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organization for Animal Health, WRO is following closely the yet-to-be-released (at press time) September report of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standard Commission, typically issued in the mid-October.

In September, I had the opportunity to represent WRO at the International Feed Industry Federation and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Annual Meeting in Rome, as well as the 17th Australian Renderers Symposium in Brisbane. Look for more information on those meetings in the next issue of *Render*. **R**