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NARA Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Animal & Fishery Resources

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 21, 2025 – The North American Renderers Association (NARA) is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Animal and Fishery Resources (MIRAH) of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. This strategic agreement establishes a formal framework for collaboration aimed at promoting science-based standards, regulatory harmonization, and technical knowledge exchange to support the growth and modernization of Côte d'Ivoire's animal feed and rendering industries.

Through this MOU, NARA and MIRAH will undertake joint initiatives to facilitate trade in rendered animal proteins while advancing public and animal health objectives. Areas of cooperation include regulatory development and reform, government-to-government engagement, technical training programs, study tours, data sharing, market research, and outreach to raise awareness of the safety and benefits of rendered products.

"We are honored to partner with MIRAH in support of their efforts to modernize animal feed regulations and promote safe, sustainable feed ingredients," said Kent Swisher, President and CEO of NARA. "This MOU underscores our shared commitment to international collaboration, innovation, and building resilient food systems."

The MOU is effective for a period of five years and marks a significant milestone in NARA's ongoing efforts to expand global market access and build strategic partnerships that strengthen the international rendering industry.

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About the North American Renderers Association

The North American Renderers Association (NARA) represents the interests of the North American rendering industry to regulatory and other governmental agencies, promotes the greater use of animal byproducts, and fosters the opening and expansion of trade between foreign buyers and North American exporters. In addition to its U.S.-based headquarters, the association maintains offices in strategic locations around the world. NARA publishes a bi-monthly trade magazine, *Render*. For more information, visit www.nara.org.