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Positionpaper: Switzerland as a location for innovation - demand and promote alternative proteins!

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Our attitude at its core:

Switzerland has **considerable advantages** to offer for innovations in the field of food technology. The resident foodproducers and research institutions bring **new technologies and products** for sustainable food systems. This includes the use of alternative protein sources which require **innovative production methods**, such as biotechnological processes for the production of meat-, fish- or milk alternatives, novel plant or animal proteins (e.g. insects), **new fermentation processes** (precision fermentation) and **breeding methods** for plants (CRISPR/CAS). As the Swiss Protein Association (hereinafter SPA), we advocate for the **approvals and necessary framework conditions for the aforementioned developments** and call for **an ideology-free and objective dialogue** between all stakeholders in the value chain.

Our principles:

To achieve a sustainable food system, the **innovative food economy must be promoted**. Alternative protein sources are a promising approach for a more sustainable food system.

- The SPA promotes and calls for a professional and ideology-free dialogue between the various actors within and outside the food value chain, be they consumers, politicians, authorities or the media.

In addition to the companies and research institutions, the **authorities**, such as the FSVO and the FOAG, also have an **important responsibility** here for the future viability of the food sector.

- Suitable framework conditions for the marketing of new alternative protein sources are to be created jointly with the participation of all stakeholders.

Our positions:

Switzerland's **competitiveness and innovative strength** in the food sector must be promoted with the **appropriate framework conditions**.

- No delay in the approval of new key technologies.
- Creation of scientifically justified and fair framework conditions.
- Novel technologies must be evaluated without ideologisation and on a scientific basis.
- Prior developments abroad should be considered so as not to disadvantage Swiss industry.