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The production of insects as a nutritional source for animals and humans is an international trend that has appeared to stay, and Portugal is not an exception.

There are already several companies working in the sector and even a National Association of Producers, [Portugal Insect](#), and most of its associates work in insects as food.

Nevertheless, the use of insects in animal feeding has also raised considerable attention from producers and manufacturers, the legal context in the European Union has not accompanied the technological developments in this sector, so the DGAV (the Portuguese Agency for Food and Feed security) recently developed a Code of Good Practices that explains the context in which this new production can be made at the national level, which has also to comply with the European Union legislation.

To our knowledge, this is the only document of its kind to have been created by an official entity on the subject, so we believe there might be a significant international interest.

This international interest in the [Code of Good Practices in the Production, Processing and Use of Insects in Animal Feeding](#), published by the [DGAV](#) last September, prompted us to translated it into English.

[EntoGreen](#), who collaborated with the DGAV in the development of this document, will release it this week within the framework of a European Commission Focus Group (EIP-AGRI), to be held in Brussels under the theme "[New foods for pigs and poultry](#)". The same document will also be referred during a [workshop in insect production](#) taking place in Edinburgh on the 7th of February.

Although the translated document was only released this week, some positive feedback from other European countries has already been received.

This document is one of the results of the work carried out under the [EntoValor](#) project, which aims to bring the insect production for animal feed to Portugal.

EntoGreen is a Portuguese start-up founded in 2014 and aims to start the building of its own full-scale unit in 2019.