



Biography for Gina Tumbarello



Gina Tumbarello is the American Feed Industry Association's senior director of international policy and trade. Tumbarello is responsible for leading the development of priority import and export issues for the feed industry globally. She serves as the industry advocate, addressing trade constraints and communicating the interests of the feed, feed ingredient and pet food industries to various government agencies. Tumbarello is the staff contact for the AFIA International Trade Committee.

In 2014, former Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed Tumbarello to the Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for Grains, Feed, Oilseeds and Planting Seeds, where she represents AFIA and advises the secretary of agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative on international issues relevant to the industry.

Tumbarello brings with her an extensive background in international trade, joining AFIA in 2011 from the U.S. Grains Council, where she served as manager of international operations, managing the council's market development and access programs in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Prior to the U.S. Grains Council, she served as the manager of government contracts administration for CEVA Freight Management and as project manager for J.E. Austin Associates, where she worked on economic development projects for World Bank and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Tumbarello holds a master's degree in international policy studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey in Monterey, Calif., and a bachelor's degree in diplomacy and foreign affairs and German from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. She can be reached at (703) 558-3561.

Founded in 1909, the American Feed Industry Association (AFIA), based in Arlington, Va., is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to representing the business, legislative and regulatory interests of the U.S. animal food industry and its suppliers. The organization's membership is comprised of over 650 domestic and international companies that represent the total feed industry—manufacturers of commercial and integrated feed and pet food, ingredient suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, industry support and equipment manufacturers. AFIA's members manufacture more than 75% of the feed and 70% of the non-whole grain ingredients used in the country. AFIA is also recognized as the leader on international industry developments, and holds membership in the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF).

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