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Subject: MAC advice on EU marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture products: Regulations 2406/96 and 1379/2013

Dear Mr Pastoor,

Thank you for the advice submitted by the Market Advisory Council on EU marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture products in relation to Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 and Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013.

I appreciate that the advice looks at the role that standards are required to play in the broader context of the objectives of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013, including the need to ensure a level-playing field between EU and imported products and a sustainable supply of the EU market, and not only from the viewpoint of the scope of the existing standards.

At the same time, I regret that the Market Advisory Council was not able to provide an advice that would cover all relevant regulation, including the standards applicable to canned tuna and bonito and to preserved sardines and sardine-type products.

Due to the delay with which this advice is being submitted, I regret to inform you that it will not be possible to integrate it in the study by the consultant which is now in its final stage. I would however like to reassure you that it will feed into the Staff Working Document that we will publish as a result of the evaluation process.

I am looking forward to our continued cooperation. If you have any question on this reply, you may contact with Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 29 56273).

Yours sincerely,

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