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Mr. Guus Pastoor, Chairman Markets Advisory Council rue de la Science, 10 B-1000 Brussels

Subject : EMFF Post 2020

Your Ref.: MAC's email of 18 April 2018

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

Thank you very much for the email the MAC Secretariat sent to DG MARE requesting clarification on the funding of the Production and Marketing Plans (PMPs) in 2021 and 2022 under the EMFF.

I have the pleasure to inform you that at this stage there is no indication of an interruption in the CFP funding in 2021 and 2022 as Article 65 (2) of the Common Provisions Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013¹ guarantees eligibility until 31 December 2023.

The current Regulation on the common organization of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products has no formal expiry date. Consequently, in 2021 and in the following years, the same measures remain applicable, in particular the obligations stemming from the PMPs.

As regards the financing of these measures, any expenditure incurred by a beneficiary and paid before 31 December 2023 is eligible, provided it was included in the 2014-2020 operational program of the Member State. This means that PMPs measures to be implemented in the years between 2021 and 2023 will be financed by the EMFF if planned in the current operational programs as well as committed and paid before the end of 2023.

As far as the possible new financial instrument is concerned, we cannot prejudge at this stage what will be its future content. We can only however inform you that it will cover a 7-year period (2021-2027), and that Member States will have to draw up their operational programs for this new period starting in 2021.

¹ Regulation (EU) 1303/2013 of 17 December 2013, OJ L 347 p. 320, 20.12.2013.

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I look forward to our continued cooperation and invite you to take contact with Ms. Pascale Colson (<u>pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu</u>; +32 2 29 56273) should you have any further question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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