## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels, MARE/D4/AG

Dear Ms Bermudez,

Thank you for your advice of 24 May 2024 on behalf of the Market advisory Council, on the terms of references on the study on traceability systems and minimum traceability information for lots of specific fisheries and aquaculture products.

I would like to thank you for the valuable insight provided. My services have taken it into account when finalising the terms of references for this study. I take the opportunity to inform you that, once the contractor is selected, the study should start during the first trimester of 2025 for a duration of 18 months. Rest assured that your advice will also be passed on to the selected contractor in due time.

I count on the cooperation of MAC members with the selected contractor, to help elaborate useful recommendations on the traceability information and traceability systems for the specific fishery and aquaculture products.

We will continue to keep you informed on the next steps on the study. looking am forward our continued and fruitful cooperation. to Should you have further questions, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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