



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Ms Bermudez,

Thank you for the Market Advisory Council (MAC) Advice regarding the integration of sustainability criteria under the regime of Autonomous Tariff Quotas (ATQs) for certain fishery products.

We are well aware that the EU market continues to rely on imports for its supply of fisheries and seafood products and the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture products imported by the EU is an increasing concern. Against this background, DG MARE has launched an impact assessment on the sustainability of the ATQ Regulation. The Impact Assessment should be finalised still this year. We have also launched a public consultation to which all interested parties are invited to reply, before 3 July 2025.

The policy decisions regarding the future shape of the EU autonomous preferences are yet to be taken. All your input will be carefully considered when drafting the next legislative proposal for beyond 2026. In the meantime, DG MARE colleagues are looking forward to providing you with regular updates on this process in the relevant Working Group of the MAC.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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