



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels
MARE.A.4/GH

Subject: MAC advice on restrictions to the use of “meat-related terms”

Dear Ms Bermúdez,

I would like to thank the Market Advisory Council (MAC) for its advice regarding the potential impact of restrictions of meat-related terms on the fishery and aquaculture sector.

We note the concerns raised by the MAC regarding the possible unintended consequences of the proposed restrictions on the marketing of fishery and aquaculture products. As you indicate in your advice, the proposal is currently being discussed between the co-legislators, and no binding legal act has been adopted yet. Following internal discussions with the colleagues in the relevant services, we confirm that the intention of the proposal is not to address fishery and aquaculture products.

While the legal drafting in the proposal may leave some room for interpretation and does not explicitly exclude fishery and aquaculture products from the scope of the reservations of meat names, we agree with the MAC's assessment that an adverse outcome would be problematic for the fishery and aquaculture supply chain.

Therefore, we are committed to addressing this issue during the ongoing inter-institutional negotiations.

We will continue to work closely with the relevant stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach to food policy. We appreciate the MAC's input and look forward to continuing our cooperation.

Should you have any 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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