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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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**Subject: MAC advice on the negotiation of the EU–UK SPS Agreement**

Dear Ms Bermúdez,

I would like to thank the Market Advisory Council (MAC) for its advice regarding the negotiation of the EU–UK SPS Agreement. We have reviewed the advice and appreciate the insights and recommendations put forward.

We acknowledge the importance of addressing the challenges faced by the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the context of EU-UK trade. Your advice highlights important issues that need to be considered to ensure the smooth flow of fishery and aquaculture products across borders while maintaining high sanitary and phytosanitary standards.

Under the SPS agreement, the vast majority of animal, animal product, plant, and plant product movements between the EU and Great Britain would no longer require SPS certificates and related controls. The same benefits would apply to movements between Great Britain and Northern Ireland through the interaction between the future SPS Agreement and the Windsor Framework.

The Commission believes that, once implemented, an SPS agreement would bring substantial economic benefits to both the EU and the UK, as well as to consumers. The UK's alignment with EU rules and standards for agri-food products, which rank among the highest in the world, would help ensure strong consumer safety and protection, while safeguarding public health and animal welfare. Furthermore, the UK would have appropriate access to relevant EU agencies, systems and databases in the areas covered by the SPS Agreement.

We are committed to working closely with the MAC and other relevant stakeholders to address matters related to the SPS agreement effectively and we will engage further to determine the best ways to implement the agreement once it is concluded.

Should you have further questions, please contact Ms. Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox [MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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