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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels, 5 April 2022  
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**Subject: AAC recommendation on anticipating noroviral contamination through the use of antidiarrheals**

Dear Mr. Ojeda,

I would like to thank you for your mail of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 including the “*Recommendation on anticipating noroviral contamination through the use of antidiarrheals.*”

As you know, the “*Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030*”<sup>1</sup> underline that the management of norovirus in mollusc farming is an important challenge that needs to be addressed and recommend to the Commission and the Member States to support and promote research and innovation on shellfish diseases.

The Commission takes note of the proposed risk prevention tool for noroviral contamination and will consider it in the context of the next Horizon Europe programming period.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils ([Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

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