



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Dear Mr. Ojeda,

I would like to thank you for your mail of 27 April 2022 including the “*Recommendation on the legal classification of farmed fish waste as manure.*”

Following consultations with the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), we would like to inform you that the Commission takes note of the recommendation to amend the EU animal by-products Regulation to classify the solid fraction of aquaculture effluents as manure. The Commission will consider this recommendation in the next revision of the regulation.

In addition, the Commission is willing to explore in cooperation with the Aquaculture Advisory Council and with Member States short-term and temporary solutions for the use of manure from farmed fish.

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,

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