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Subject: AAC Recommendation "Revaluation of the risk assessment of parasites in farmed fish products", August 2020 – (AAC 2020-06)

Dear Ms. Fouquet,

I would like to thank you for the above-mentioned Recommendation.

As rightly pointed out, the EU funded project ParaFishControl, which ended in April 2020, concluded that there is a negligible risk for human health coming from zoonotic parasitic worms in farmed fish.

After discussion with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), I can inform you that DG SANTE has the intention to ask the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) for a re-evaluation of its Scientific Opinion on risk assessment of parasites in fishery products of April 2010¹ based on the conclusions of the project.

I thank you again for your Recommendation and invite you to contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (<u>pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu</u>; +32.2.295.62.73), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2010.1543

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