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Subject: AAC Recommendation on the re-evaluation of the risk assessment of parasites in farmed fish products

Dear Mr Brian Thomsen.

I would like to thank you for your mail of 30th October 2025 including the "Recommendation on the re-evaluation of the risk assessment of parasites in farmed fish products".

In this Recommendation, the Aquaculture Advisory Council specifically calls upon the European Commission:

- To update the current legislation based on the re-evaluation adopted and published by the EFSA. The proposed update should extend the exemption from the freezing treatment of products intended for raw or undercooked consumption to farmed species with production types for which the risk has been defined as negligible. The process should be carried out in accordance with the conditions established by Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1276/2011.

I can confirm that the Commission (DG SANTE) will include the point in the agenda of one of the next Expert Group meetings on food hygiene, probably beginning next year.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia RUBECK, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Julia.rubeck@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.296.88.89), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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