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**Subject: Proposal for the modification of the Annex to EU Regulation 1536/92
in relation to the marketing of tinned tuna and albacore**

Your ref.: Notice 126 received 4th January 2019

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the SWWAC for this advice, which is all the more relevant since an assessment of marketing standards, including standards relating to tinned tuna and bonito, is currently under way in order to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, consistency and European added value.

The SWWAC's contribution allows us to address a number of issues concerning tinned tuna and bonito, of which the Commission was aware and which have been the subject of discussions with the member states and the European Parliament, but which have not yet emerged from interviews and contributions received as part of this assessment. My departments will therefore take this advice into account in order to ensure that the assessment is exhaustive.

Essentially, the questions raised in your advice are in relation to the level of consistency between the current EU standard and the CODEX standard, and the consumer information rules. These dimensions will be dealt with specifically as part of the assessment.

Meanwhile, if you should be in possession of information which demonstrates that certain industry practices, which are not in line with EU legislation, constitute consumer fraud, I would urge you to inform the national authorities responsible for its application.

I once again thank the Advisory Council for this advice and invite you to contact Mme Pascale Colson, (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu, +32.2.295.62.75) coordinator of advisory councils, for any further information on this response.

Yours faithfully.

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