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AUTHORITY

Ministry of Climate and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Complaint against Norway concerning failure to comply with requirements of Directive 2000/60 as regards aquaculture

On 25 November 2015, the EFTA Surveillance Authority received a complaint against Norway concerning its alleged failure to comply with Directive 2000/60 *establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy* with regards to the impact of aquaculture.

According to the complainant, the Norwegian Government has failed to reflect the biological effects of aquaculture in the implementation of Directive 2000/60 in Norway.

In order for the Authority to examine and assess the complaint, the Norwegian Government is invited to provide the following information:

1. In general terms, please explain to what extent and in what way the characterisation of coastal waters in Norway reflects the effects of aquaculture? How has the status of these water courses been assessed with regard to aquaculture, and with regard to anadromous fish in particular? If not, please explain why
2. With regards to the preparation of the latest River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures, please describe how these have (if at all) incorporated the effects of aquaculture. What measures have been put in place to allow for monitoring methods and the establishment of threshold values to determine environmental pressures?
3. With reference to the trilateral discussions among the Commission, the Authority and the Norwegian Government, and in particular the draft action points that were developed, please provide detailed up to date information with regard to the issues identified under the heading '*Programmes of measures (agriculture and aquaculture)*' (point 60 et seq).
4. Please provide information on whether there are plans to update the national strategy (Government Strategy for an Environmentally Sustainable Aquaculture) in order to ensure compatibility with Norway's obligations under Directive 2000/60.

The Norwegian Government is invited to submit the above information, as well as any other information it deems relevant to the case, so that it reaches the Authority by *18 January 2016*. Please enclose copies of any relevant national legislation, including English translations if available.

The Authority's Internal Market Affairs Directorate is presently considering the merits of the complaint. After a preliminary assessment has been undertaken, the Directorate may, where appropriate, ask the Norwegian Government to provide further information as well as its observations on the complaint.

Yours faithfully,



Olafur Jóhannes Einarsson
Director
Internal Market Affairs Directorate