



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Safety of the Food chain
Head of Unit (Acting)

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Dear Mr Hough,

Subject: The use of processed animal proteins as a feed for farmed fish

I refer to your letter of 10th May 2010 regarding the current situation on the sources of feeding for aquaculture. Processed animal proteins from non ruminants may be a source of high quality proteins and may decrease dependence on external sources of protein. The goal for the coming years is to continue the review of the TSE measures based on science, while maintaining the current high level of food safety.

The Commission intends to propose to the European Parliament and the Member States a TSE Road Map II in June 2010. One of the topics will be a revision of the current feed ban provisions. To maintain the current level of consumer protection, the key elements for the discussion on the re-entering of PAPs as a component of feeding stuffs should be risk based, comprising correct channelling of PAPs from different species and appropriate laboratory diagnostic methods as the control tools. In that field research is ongoing. I refer in particular to the scientific project "SAFEED-PAP" funded by DG Research and ongoing work by the CRL to validate methods for species specific rapid detection of animal proteins in feed. Results will be available by the end of May 2010.

However, there is no intention to re-authorise the use of ruminant proteins into feed and the current measures remain in force.

Yours sincerely,

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