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To: DCF National Correspondents
of Member States to EU

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Subject: **Call for socio economic data on the EU fish processing sector-2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As foreseen Regulation (EU) 2017/1004¹, the Commission herewith asks Member States to provide aggregated scientific data from within their National Data Collection programs to support scientific advice in EU fisheries.

The data will be processed and analysed by JRC and STECF experts to produce *The EU Economic Report on the fish processing industry*.

We are asking for the same EU-MAP variables as requested in the previous 2021 EU fish processing data call: Income (turnover, subsidies and other income), personnel costs (wages and salaries of staff and imputed value of unpaid labour), energy costs, raw material costs, other operational costs, capital costs (depreciation of capital and financial costs), extraordinary costs, capital value, net investments, debt, employment (number of persons employed by gender and FTE National) and number of enterprises pertaining to the years 2008 - 2021 for the EU fish processing industry, as totals and under the following size categories (seg.1 = “enterprises with <=10 employees”; seg.2 = “enterprises with 11-49 employees”; seg.3 = “enterprises with 50-249 employees”; seg.4 = “enterprises with >=250 employees”) when specified by Member States under their national Work Plans.

We also request data on number of enterprises and turnover attributed to fish processing, pertaining to years 2008-2021 for enterprises that carry out fish processing but not as a main activity.

Member States are requested to report data on raw materials when their data collection is specified under their national Work Plans. Given the importance of raw materials for the

¹ OJ L 157, 20.6.2017, p. 1.

processing industry and following RCG ECON advice, we ask for the first time to report Origin separately: under “Production environment” by whether it is coming from fishing or aquaculture; while under “Country of origin” if it is domestic, coming from other EU countries or from non-EU countries.

Furthermore, Member States are requested to report social data when their data collection is specified under their national Work Plans.

In order to improve the effectiveness of this data call, and on voluntary basis, **MS authorise the JRC to re-use datasets submitted in previous fish processing data calls** provided that they are complete². In this case, the MS will not need to submit again the same datasets but only the updates for the recent data (2020-2021).

Procedure

Member States should follow the agreed **procedure for transmission of data** (by uploading data onto the JRC server) and abide to the data handling procedures for STECF Expert Working Groups (Ref. Ares(2015)498884 - 06/02/2015).

Full details of all the parameters, aggregation levels and uploading **instructions for this call** can be found on the JRC data collection website:

<https://dcf.ec.europa.eu/data-calls>

Data templates are available on the JRC data collection website for downloading and should be used to submit the data requested under the current data call. Each Member State requires a password in order to submit data. These passwords are the ones in possession of the Member States. Member States who no longer have a record of their password or want to change them, should contact the JRC data submission team by emailing jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu.

In addition, the JRC data submission team can be **contacted for guidance** by emailing jrc-datasubmission@ec.europa.eu

Time schedule

As per Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1004, Member States are kindly requested to **supply the specified data by 4 October 2023**.

We look forward to your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY

² This authorisation could be revoked by explicit decision by the Member States concerned.