



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels  
MARE.A.4/GH

**Subject: MAC advice on labelling of barramundi (*Lates calcarifer*) in international markets**

Dear Ms Bermúdez,

I would like to thank the Market Advisory Council (MAC) for its advice regarding the labelling of barramundi (Asian seabass) in certain third countries.

We fully support your commitment to accurate labelling of aquatic food and to safeguarding consumer confidence and fair competition for EU aquaculture producers.

As you know, our authority over food information and labelling applies only to products sold in the EU. The labelling of aquatic food marketed in third countries is governed by the regulations of those countries. Therefore, the Commission cannot prescribe how operators in third countries should label their products.

This said, we will continue to monitor this issue and may raise it in line with your recommendations where and when appropriate, for example in relevant international fora, such as Codex committees and FAO fisheries-trade discussions.

Should you have further questions, please contact Ms. Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox [MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

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