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Re: Consultation on the implementation of the Union Customs Code's (UCC) substantive provisions as regards the transshipment of seafood products in third countries

Dear Mr Quest,

As you are aware, in accordance with the new regulations (Implementing Acts (EU Regulations 2446/2015 and 2447/2015)), from 1st May 2016, the proof of the customs status of Union goods for sea-fishing products caught by EU vessels and transhipped in a 3rd country territory, shall be provided by means of a printout of the fishing logbook, accompanied by a certification issued by the customs authority of that country evidencing that the products were under customs supervision and have undergone no handling other than necessary for their preservation.

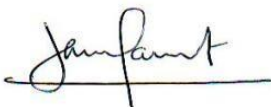
In view of the need to maintain the confidentiality and the protection of the fishing trip data, as mentioned by the Commissioner Moscovici in its response to Europepeche, dated 23rd March 2016; there should be no need to hand in the entire fishing logbook.

In addition, in view of the TAXUD letter dated 6th April 2016¹, Europepeche considers that the information about sea-fishing products and about fishing areas that are to be provided to the authorities of the third countries concerned can be made through the transshipment declaration or the landing declaration of the electronic logbook, given that they include all data required in the two aforementioned Regulations.

Against this background, we hereby request official confirmation of this interpretation from the European Commission.

Looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Javier Garat ,
President of Europepeche

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¹ Taxud/B4/GW/pa (2016) 1441599