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**Subject: Brief commentary on the EU Technical Conservation Regulation**

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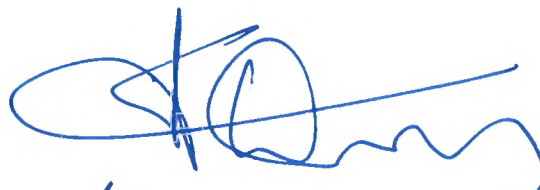
Dear Mr Wichmann,

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2017 on the Technical Conservation Regulation. We highly appreciate the NSAC input provided on the draft Regulation and are pleased that the NSAC, being a key stakeholder, is broadly supportive of the Commission proposal.

DG MARE has been working closely with the NSAC focus group on the Technical Measures proposal and we hope to continue this productive engagement. We take note of the specific concerns highlighted in the NSAC advice. The Commission is working with the Presidency and the Council working party, where your concerns have also been raised. I can assure you that our aim is to reach a workable solution. Bearing in mind that the NSAC represents stakeholders that will be implementing the technical rules on the ground, we will consider your comments carefully.

We look forward to the more detailed opinion that you intend to submit shortly. Should you have any further questions on this reply, you may contact Ms. Evangelia Georgitsi ([evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu](mailto:evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.04.43) or Ms. Ramune Genzbigelyte-Venturi ([ramune.genzbigelyte-venturi@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ramune.genzbigelyte-venturi@ec.europa.eu); +32 2 29 85043).

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