



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Mr Skau Fisher,

I would like to thank you for your advice Ref. 08-2324 on the de minimis exemption for lemon sole. As you know, the STECF delivered its opinion in the report STECF 24-04. The STECF concluded that the information provided did not objectively demonstrate the suggested losses to the fleet. There were also some inconsistencies in the data provided and it was therefore impossible for the STECF to quantify the impact of the exemption. Furthermore, the STECF also stressed that the status of the lemon sole stock is declining and the impact of such exemption could be negative.

For these reasons, the Commission services decided not to accept the exemption for the time being.

I appreciate your contribution and look forward to your input on other files.

Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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