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## **Written contribution from Denmark on drafts for new FIBER & Guidelines**

### **Publication, Article 9, para. 1(c) (FIBER) and point (102)(c) in Guidelines:**

1. DK has noticed, that the threshold for publication is proposed to EUR 10.000. We find the proposed threshold too low and propose to maintain the current threshold..

Aid for prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases in aquaculture, Article 39 (FIBER):

2. FIBER, art. 39, should be included in art. 1, para. 2 and 3 (d), along with art. 44 and art. 45, as aid supporting the costs of control and eradication of diseases in aquaculture is a similar aid category “Aid for risk and crisis management”.
3. FIBER, art. 39, should be included in art. 6, para. 4, as aid supporting the costs of control and eradication of diseases in aquaculture is a similar category (“Aid for risk and crisis management”), to the already included aid category (art. 44, 45 and 46).
4. DK has also noticed, that FIBER does not allow aid to emerging animal diseases contrary to ABER (art. 25). The scope of the two block exemption regulations should be aligned.
5. The Commission is kindly requested to reconsider the eligible diseases in aquaculture listed in art. 39, para. 1 (b)(I, as the reference to art. 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 does not include zoonoses of aquatic animals listed in Annex III, point 2, to Regulation (EU) 2021/690.
6. FIBER, art. 39 does not provide for aid supporting the costs of prevention of diseases. The draft guidelines for State aid in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, on the other hand, provide for the possibility of granting aid for both the prevention and control and eradication of diseases. The possibility of aligning the provisions of the two legal bases should be considered and aid for costs relating to animal disease prevention measures in the aquaculture sector should be included in the FIBER.

### **Aid to start up support for young fishermen**

7. DK sees that the measure for aid for startup support for young fishers is no longer a part of the group exemption regulation. DK currently makes use of the group exemption concerning young fishers to support their first acquisition of fishing vessels, and has



planned to continue the support under the new state aid rules in order to ease generational shift in primary fishing.

DK kindly request the Commission to reconsider the drafting of FIBER and include the possibility for aid to start up support for young fishers in the FIBER. The scope of the measure should correspond to the description in article 17 of Regulation 2021/1139.

**Guidelines, point (178) (b):**

8. The Commission is kindly requested to clarify how the beneficiaries can meet the requirements of insurance or contributions to mutual funds, when no insurance coverage or mutual funds are available or accredited in the MS concerned. It is unclear whether MS, where no insurance or mutual funds are available, are excluded from awarding aid to make good the damage caused by animal diseases in aquaculture.