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Dear Colleagues,

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

TRACEABILITY AND CONSUMER INFORMATION FOR FISH LANDED IN SCOTLAND

The EU Control Regulation (1224/2009) and the EU Marketing Regulation (1379/2013) established new requirements on catchers, processors and retailers of fish and aquaculture products to provide catch information and to make it available throughout the supply chain and ultimately to the consumer.

This information must be provided no later than first sale by those involved in presenting the fish at market.

The marketing regulations (EU 1379/2013) also require Producer Organisations to contribute to the traceability of fishery products and access to clear and comprehensive information for consumers.

In May 2016 Food Standards Scotland, Marine Scotland and Seafish jointly produced guidance on traceability and labelling, together with an example template designed to help the fishing industry comply with EU regulations as described above.

The guidance can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/news/new-guidance-fish-traceability>

A full technical guide was also produced which can be accessed here:

http://www.seafish.org/media/1630641/web_traceability_cmo_guide_v5_2016.pdf

The purpose of this letter is to remind colleagues of the Regulatory requirements on fisheries product traceability and labelling and the guidance available to assist colleagues in compliance. A similar letter has gone out to industry.

We also wish to make you aware that, as part of the current FSS Capacity and Capability audits, the area of compliance with labelling regulations may feature with regard to LA's responsibility in this area.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Smyth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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