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Sent by e-mail only

Subject: Access to DCF data for the purposes of two studies on EU Fishing Fleet
Profitability and Fuel Subsidies

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to request Member States to allow the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) an early access to the data submitted following the "call for fleet economic scientific data concerning 2008-2013" (ref.: MARE/A3/AC/2013 of 31st January 2013).

The JRC is putting forward this request as it has been asked by the European Parliament to perform two short-term studies on "EU Fishing Fleet Profitability" and "Fuel Subsidies" in the context of the European Marine and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the envisioned financial instrument of the future Common Fisheries Policy.

More specifically, the two studies will address issues related to: (1) the profitability of the EU fishing fleet in each coastal Member State, the contribution of the catching sector to the national GDP and quantification of subsidies to the fisheries sector in the EU and their impact on the profitability of the fleets; and (2) fuel consumption of the EU fishing fleet and how fuel tax exemptions relating to Directive 2003/96/EC are applied in each Member State.

To carry out the analysis, the JRC needs to access data submitted by Member States under the above mentioned data call and stored in the common databases at the JRC: economic and transversal variables listed in Appendix VI and Appendix VIII and according to the aggregation levels defined in Appendix II and III of the Commission Decision of 18 December 2009 (2010/93/EU).

As you know, the data needed has already been submitted to the JRC by the Member States concerned, in response to the above mentioned data call. This data has been assessed during

the STECF EWG 13-03 'Economics - AER Fleet - Part 1' (8-12 April 2013) and will be further assessed by STECF during the EWG 13-04 'Economics - AER Fleet - Part 2' (3-7 June 2013).

Finally, the JRC of course ensures that the data is used exclusively for the purposes of the specific studies commissioned by the European Parliament.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your agreement with the proposed arrangement by e-mail to Mr Jann Martinsohn (jann.martinsohn@jrc.ec.europa.eu) by 5th June 2013. In the absence of a reply by that date, the JRC will consider that agreement to the present request is granted.

Thank you in advance for your kind support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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