

**Question for written answer E-002882/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Aid under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in cases of contamination by biotoxins

There is a certain amount of disinformation in the fisheries sector – emanating in some cases from the Member States' own national authorities – with regard to whether, under the new EMFF provisions, operators have access to aid in cases where contamination by biotoxins leads to loss of production or the closure of fisheries.

The question is a particularly important one for operators in the aquaculture and fisheries sectors, who are being assured that it is impossible, under the new EMFF, to obtain this aid to compensate for losses incurred due to biotoxin contamination.

In the light of Articles 35 and/or 55 of the new EMFF Regulation, can the Commission explain the mechanism for accessing such aid and indicate the types of cases in which it is available?

What is the current situation in Spain with regard to the establishment of compensatory insurance arrangements?