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to the Commission
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Subject: Eco-labelling of fisheries products

Eco-labelling of products is becoming increasingly important. These labels fulfil various functions. They give consumers additional product information when making their purchases, including information concerning environmental aspects. Furthermore, labelling gives a product a certain character so that consumers can make an informed choice about products which meet their requirements in a given range. Unfortunately, it is only available in certain EU markets and only concerns specific products, and in some countries there is only a low level of recognition. Additionally, the lack of specific EU labelling for fisheries products has been highlighted. With a view to supporting sustainable development and sustainable fisheries, the question of setting up an independent EU eco-labelling scheme for these products should be considered.

What is the Commission's position on the introduction of EU-wide standards, review procedures, certification and labelling to distinguish fisheries products originating from sustainable fisheries?