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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 14 December 2022, the Commission extended the application of the regulation on sectoral *de minimis* aid (Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 on *de minimis* aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector¹) until 31 December 2023. This extension will allow the Commission to finish reviewing the regulation, including whether the processing and sale of fishery and aquaculture products should continue to be included or should fall within the scope of the general *de minimis* regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013²) instead.

On 31 March 2023, the Commission sent a draft amendment to Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 to the Member States to consult them on this issue, among others. The draft already proposes the inclusion of the processing and sale of fishery and aquaculture products in the general *de minimis* regulation. The Commission aims to finalise this process by the end of the year, based on the outcome of discussions with the Member States.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R0717>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/de-minimis-rule-exemption-of-small-amounts-of-state-aid-from-notification.html>