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**Subject: DG MARE reply to the Italian European Maritime and Fisheries Fund  
Managing Authority letter ref. 0204010 of 14/4/2023 – CCI:  
2014IT14MFOP001**

Dear Mr Abate,

We are hereby providing a reply to your letter ref. 0204010 of 17 April 2023 in which you request clarification concerning the increase of the ceiling for compensations under the measure 5.68(3) of Article 68(3) of the Regulation (EU) No 2014/508 <sup>(1)</sup>.

In the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) compensation measures to mitigate the consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine calculation methodology for aquaculture companies, we acknowledge that Italy has set at EUR 360 000 the maximum possible compensation for the entire period of eligibility of expenditure – which runs from 24 February to 31 December 2022. This threshold refers as the maximum value that cannot be exceeded by adding up both EMFF and European maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) compensations <sup>(2)</sup> and State Aid <sup>(3)</sup>

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<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2022/1278 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards specific measures to alleviate the consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine on fishing activities and to mitigate the effects of the market disruption caused by that war of aggression on the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/500 of 25 March 2022 establishing the military aggression of Russia against Ukraine as the occurrence of an exceptional event causing a significant disruption of markets

<sup>(3)</sup> Communication from the Commission Temporary Crisis Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia 2022/C 131 I/01

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received from the beneficiary in the context of the measures to mitigate the consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

Italy may choose, as you propose, to increase the threshold from EUR 360 000 to EUR 600 000 for aquaculture companies that on average demonstrate an annual electricity consumption exceeding 1 000 000 kW. However, this modification of the calculation methodology Annex XIII of the Italy EMFF Operational Programme (OP) – should be formally submitted to the Commission and approved via an OP amendment procedure. We kindly remind you that Italy shall ensure to respect the principles of sound financial management by not allowing any double-funding and/or over-compensation.

Please kindly note that Italy will need to provide the amended calculation methodology along with the new version (V. 11) of the EMFF Italian OP together with a detailed justification and discuss in advance with the Commission the planning of such amendment.

Yours sincerely,

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