



Long Distance Fleet Regional Advisory Council

SUPPORTING LETTER TO THE LDRAC RECOMMENDATION ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR TUNA, EXPLAINING THE REASONS BY WHICH IT IS SENT WITHOUT CONSENSUS.

APPROVED BY THE LDRAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Votes in favour	22
Against	1 (KFO)
Out of period	1

Ms Lowry Evans
Director General
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Lisbon, 20th March 2012

Dear Director General,

I am writing you this supporting letter to the LDRAC recommendation on the withdrawal of the allowance for tuna, because of the following reasons:

Despite the Commission doesn't require consensus anymore on a RAC recommendation, the LDRAC still works trying to take into account all the points of view of its members.

However, this time hasn't been possible due to a reason that I would like to underline within this letter. One LDRAC Association, KFO, has blocked it in the last minute. The proposal was delivered to the members before the Working Group, and no comments arrived to the Secretariat, and this association didn't attend the WG. Moreover, the vote against the proposal was sent one hour before the deadline, the reason argued for blocking the proposal was:



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"The KFO is of the view that this allowance should not be restricted to one species and should in fact be made available for all species. Over the years there has been an increase in the number of species and an increase in volume being imported into the EU from third countries which enjoy lower tariffs. It is neither fair nor equitable that one species/sector should enjoy special concessions while other species/sectors which are experiencing the same difficulties have no such concession".

The article 3 of the LDRAC Code of Conduct states: *Members who have not been present at previous meetings will make sure that are well informed on the issues debated during such meetings. It is not appropriate to block a proposal of recommendation in the Executive Committee when a member has not participated in the meetings and didn't send any comment against the approval of the recommendation with a minimum of 10 days of anticipation to the date of the meeting of the Executive Committee where the recommendation would be approved.*

Despite this time it has been used the urgency method for the approval of the recommendation, the attitude of KFO is not in conformity with the CoC approved by the LDRAC Executive Committee.

Bearing in mind what has been set out above, I am asking you to please take these issues into account when dealing with this LDRAC Recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Cabral
Chairman of the LDRAC