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To whom it may concern



Declaration – Ethoxyquin

BioMar A/S is authorized to manufacture and sell feeding stuffs for fish by the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries under the registration number 208-R756133. The feeding stuff may be sold freely in Denmark as well as exported.

We hereby declare that fish feed produced by BioMar A/S, Mylius Erichsensvej 35, 7330 Brande, Denmark fulfils the Danish and European regulations for animal feed.

Ethoxyquin is an antioxidant the use of which is approved by the EU. Antioxidants as Ethoxyquin are authorised to be present in fish feed as long as the content does not exceed the authorised maximum content. The EU authorises a maximum content of Ethoxyquin of 150 mg per kg of feed, either alone or together with other antioxidants. We control that we are compliant with the laws and regulations set. The European Commission has drawn up a draft regulation which provides some changes on how ethoxyquin will be used as well as allowing time for additional science to report. BioMar A/S is monitoring developments in legislation close and will adapt any new regulations.

We hereby declare that BioMar A/S does not add Etoxyquin to the fish feed.

Globally fish meal producers almost always add the antioxidant Ethoxyquin to the fish meal when processing fish meal. This is done to secure the quality of the fish meal and to prevent oxidation of the fish meal, as oxidation will cause the fish meal to become rancid and thus unsuited as an ingredient in fish feed.

Another reason that ethoxyquin is used in fishmeal manufacture relates to human safety. It is a legal requirement of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to add either ethoxyquin or BHT to fishmeal prior to shipping to ensure safe transportation and storage of this product. The addition of an effective antioxidant to fishmeal, such as ethoxyquin, is essential to prevent self-heating and the risk of spontaneous combustion of fishmeal during shipping and storage.

Our fish feeds contain fish meal. Subsequently, our fish feed and also fish feed delivered by any other fish feed provider - as well feeds for pigs or other animals containing fish meal - contains ethoxyquin.

As described above, BioMar does not add Ethoxyquin to the fish feed and we follow any new regulation close.

Best Regards

BioMar A/S

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kirsten Nyholm Mundbjerg".

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