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Dear Supplier,

As one of the initiatives that the companies belonging to ANFABASA (National Association of Codfish and Salted Fish Manufacturers) are embarking on as a sector, we are writing to you to request your help in our effort to constantly improve the quality of the products we offer our customers.

As an operator in a food company that is ultimately in charge of the food security of the products we manufacture, we are responsible for guaranteeing our end consumers that we comply with the hygiene and safety requirements of the products under our control.

In order to ensure a high level of protection of human health and consumers' interests with regard to our products, we are bound to comply with general hygiene rules (Regulation (EC) no. 852/2004 OJEU L226/3, 25.06.04), as well as with the specific requirements set forth for foods of animal origin (Regulation (EC) no. 853/2004, OJEU L226/3, 25.06.04).

With the goal of abiding by the guidelines of the food legislation, and in order to ensure a suitable level of protection, we need your help to accredit our compliance with the laws currently in place. We have enclosed the main references of these laws, along with the monitoring parameters that your products must fulfil in order to meet the requirements of our traceability and total quality systems.

We ask that you forward to us the following documentation on the products that you supply to us at your earliest convenience:

- 1. Producer licence or number
- 2. Scientific name of the species of the product supplied
- 3. Capture zone
- 4. Origin of the raw material: declaration on whether the product was previously frozen or not
- 5. Glazing: In the case of a frozen product, declaration of the product's degree of glazing in percent if it is over 5%
- 6. Declaration of the absence of heavy metals, or of being within the legal limits of heavy metal content
- 7. Declaration of the absence of anisakis

- 8. Comprehensive analysis of the products you supply (at least once a year):
 - a. Residues and pollutants: cadmium, lead, mercury and benzo(a)pyrene
 - b. Additives: phosphates
 - c. Listeria monocytogenes
 - d. Histamine (if applicable)
 - e. Tally of mesophyllic aerobic bacteria and salmonella

We are at your disposition for any question or inquiry you might have. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

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