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**European Union comments on Circular Letter 2009/29-FFP
Part B.6**

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) are pleased to submit the following comments to Circular Letter 2009/29-FFP part B.6.

**Proposed Draft Amendment to the Section 3.4 of the Code of Practice for Fish and
Fishery Products
(At Step 3 of the Procedure)**

3.4.5.1 Water

When an establishment has its own supply of fresh water or seawater or other water sources, and chlorine is used for water treatment, the residual content of chlorine should not exceed that of potable water

The EUMS fully support the text currently included between the square brackets and are therefore in favour of the removal of these square brackets and of the final adoption of the proposed draft Amendment to the Section 3.4 of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products.

The EUMS wish to underline that chlorination of seawater may cause concerns as crude protein or bromine, which could be naturally present in seawater, are likely to form toxic compounds such as chloramines. The potential toxic risk of these compounds (contamination of the products or by contact by the handler) has to be taken into account when using chlorine.