Memorandum

between the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation and Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, responsible for the safety of exported aquatic biological resources and products of their processing, on conditions for deliveries of fish, fishery products and seafood from Denmark to the Russian Federation

In the framework of the Memorandum of 2 September 2004 between the European Community and the Russian Federation on veterinary certification of animals and animal products to be exported from the EC to Russia and in order to control effectively deliveries of fish, fishery products and seafood from Denmark to the Russian Federation, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) of the Russian Federation and Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, responsible for the safety of exported aquatic biological resources and products of their processing have agreed on the following administrative measures:

- 1. Fish, fishery products and seafood may only originate from catching, processing establishments (vessels) and cold stores approved by Rosselkhoznadzor for export to the Russian Federation. Taking into account the fact that in Denmark establishments for the production and storage have never been attested, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration will draw up a list of the above mentioned establishments that have been delivering their products to the Russian market or have requests from Russian importers.
- 2. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, when placing an establishment on the list, guarantees that the establishment complies with the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements.
- 3. Deliveries of fish, fishery products and seafood from Denmark to the Russian Federation will be carried out from the moment of signing of the present memorandum only directly from the establishments appearing on the above list without intermediate storing and splitting of shipments after their final certification.
- 4. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration guarantees that fish, fishery products and seafood, manufactured at Danish establishments and exported from Denmark to the Russian Federation fulfil the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements in conformity with the Memorandum of 2004. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration will take all necessary measures to prevent possible deliveries to the territory of the Russian Federation of fish, fishery products and seafood which do not fulfil those requirements.
- 5. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration will communicate to Rosselkhoznadzor any updates to the lists of establishments, approved by Rosselkhoznadzor. The administrative approval of the establishments comes into force not later than 30 days after the submission of the updated list, if Rosselkhoznadzor have not expressed its objection within this time period. The approval becomes effective within two weeks after the administrative approval, in order to allow Rosselkhoznadzor to inform the Russian Federation border control posts.
- 6. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration is responsible for the regular supervision of the approved establishments (vessels) to ensure that the relevant veterinary and sanitary requirements are constantly met. If in the context of this

supervision it appears that an approved establishment (vessel) fails to meet the requirements, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration will suspend deliveries from this establishment and will inform Rosselkhoznadzor of the suspension.

- 7. Rosselkhoznadzor will carry out inspection visits in Denmark in order to verify the guarantees provided for in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6. These audits may include on the spot inspection of a representative number of establishments (vessels), estimated by Rosselkhoznadzor with due account for applications of Russian importers on the basis of risk analysis, appearing on the list provided by Danish Veterinary and Food Administration. Rosselkhoznadzor shall submit the audit report to Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and shall consider possible comments made by the latter. Based on the results of the audit the existing list of establishments may be amended.
- 8. In case the approval of an establishment (vessel) is suspended because it fails to meet the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements, Rosselkhoznadzor will reapprove the establishment (vessel), in accordance with paragraph 5, on the basis of the guarantees given by Danish Veterinary and Food Administration to the effect that shortcomings have been rectified and the establishment (vessel) again complies with the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements, or, depending on the level of risk, after an inspection by Rosselkhoznadzor within a reasonable time.
- 9. Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, on behalf of the exporters, will provide to Rosselkhoznadzor information about shipping fish, fishery products and seafood to the Russian Federation and data about the Russian importers in accordance with the attached form (Appendix I) under modalities to be agreed between Rosselkhoznadzor and Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.
- 10. Issues of further attestation of Danish establishments, interested in delivering their products to the Russian Federation, will be co-ordinated according to the applications of Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and of the Russian importers.
- 11. The parties have come to the mutual understanding on the need for continuing a constructive dialogue on the issue of delivering from Denmark to the Russian Federation of consignments subject to the state veterinary surveillance and have agreed to establish a standing expert group of representatives of Rosselkhoznadzor and of Danish Veterinary and Food Administration in order to efficiently solve issues arising during trade in fish, fishery products and seafood between Denmark and Russia and to implement the provisions of points 7, 8 and 9 of this Memorandum. Horizontal questions linked to the application of the Memorandum of 2004 will be discussed at European Community level.

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Appendix I

Information about shipping of fish, fishery products and seafood to the Russian Federation

Nº	Name, N º of the entity (vessel)	Description of the product	Country and № of the entity -supplier of primary material	Name of the importer to the Russian Federation
1	2	3	4	5