

FISHERIES SERVICES

NORWAY

With reference to your request from 22 November 2006, and as agreed at the 98th session of the Committee for Fisheries, we hereby submit our response regarding fisheries services. This paper covers the aquaculture sector, processing and trade.

Value Chain Element: Processing and Trade

Hygiene inspections

1. Veterinary services and hygiene inspections are mostly provided by the public sector, namely by The Norwegian Food Safety Authority. However, to fulfil some of the requirements related to HACCAP, inspectors from the private sector are used. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority is publicly funded; however a charge is often levied on the service-recipient, for example for product inspections.
2. The provision of services is regulated by the Norwegian Food Law, and all regulations are published.
3. The service provided is a regulatory obligation.
4. The service provider treats domestic and foreign entities equally, however, given that the service provided is a regulatory obligation performed by a public authority to maintain public health, users are not free to choose other/foreign service providers, although they can employ additional inspectors if they wish to do so.
5. The services provided are an outcome of EEA-legislation, WTO-law and Codex Alimentarius.

Value Chain Element: Aquaculture

Site locations

1. A licence is required to engage in aquaculture and sea ranching activities in Norway. A license is an administrative decision, meaning that activities without a licence are illegal. The administration can demand payment for the allocation of new licenses.
2. The licence requirement is maintained for aquaculture activities for public authorities to safeguard important overall social considerations that are more difficult for the individual industry player to safeguard. Environmental considerations and optimal use of the coastal zone must be attended to during the establishment, operation and discontinuation of aquaculture facilities. The regulations and restrictions are published and treat domestic and foreign users equally.
3. The service provided is a regulatory obligation.

4. The service provider treats domestic and foreign entities equally, however, it holds a monopoly on providing this service – a public authority safeguarding a public good (i.e. question does not apply).
5. The service provided (issuance of licenses) is an outcome of national, not internationally agreed, measures.

Value Chain Element: Services Provided to All Value Chain Elements

Export promotion

1. The Norwegian Seafood Export Council (NSEC) is a state-owned enterprise responsible for joint marketing activities for Norwegian seafood at home and abroad. The organisation is also working within the fields of market analysis, market information, market access and R&D. The organisation is funded by a mandatory export levy on all seafood products, collected electronically through customs.
2. Anyone who wants to export seafood from Norway needs to register in an exporter register which is administered by the NSEC. Such registration is mandatory, and equal to domestic and foreign exporters. All laws and regulations pertaining to the export council are published. Foreign and domestic users are treated equally.
3. The enterprise is established on the basis of a law, and payment of the export levy is mandatory. However, use of the services provided is not mandatory.
4. The services which the enterprise offers are available to everyone who is registered. When considering a service provider, the user can freely choose between domestic or foreign providers of marketing and market research products.
5. The service provided (export promotion) is an outcome of national, not internationally agreed, measures.

Annex: Services Provided to the Harvesting Sector

Type of service	Service provider	Regulated provision*	User choice**	User payment
TACs and quota administration	Public and private	Environment, conservation	No	No
Technical regulations	Public	Conservation, management	No	No
Licences and permits	Public	Management	No	No
Research and research vessels	Public and private	Environment, conservation	No	Limited
Port access	Public	Management, security	Partial	Yes
Harbour and port services	Public and private	None	Yes	Yes
Enforcement	Public	Management	No	Control fee
Surveillance	Public	Management	No	No
Satellite monitoring	Public	Management	No	No
- installation of equipment	Private	Management	Yes	Yes
Dock-side monitoring	Public and private	Management	No	Control fee
Training and courses	Public and private	None	Yes	Yes
Weather services	Public and private	None	Yes	No
Rescue at sea	Public	Safety	No	No
Medical assistance	Public and private	Safety	Yes	Partly
Traffic control	Public	Safety	No	No
Environmental/pollution specifications	Public	Environment	No	No
- Inspections and assessment	Private	Environment	Yes	Yes
Observer programmes	Public	Management	No	No
Certification of stocks	Private	None	Yes	Yes
Boat repair services	Private	None	Yes	Yes
Repair of equipment	Private	None	Yes	Yes
Bunkering/fuel services	Private	None	Yes	Yes
Financial services	Public and private	None	Yes	Yes
First hand sale/auction	Private	Management	Limited	Yes

* The provision of services is regulated by Norwegian Law, and all regulations are published.

** For services where the user is free to choose the provider, there is usually no discrimination between foreign and domestic providers, as long as the providers adhere to Norwegian law and standards.