



## **Code of Conduct**

### **for members of Marine Ingredients Denmark**

#### **Handling of weighing and requirements of species sorting regarding landings and deliveries to Danish fishmeal and fish oil factories**

According to the regulation on registration and control of information on fish that are landed directly and fish that is imported (BEK no. 290 of 25/03/2020), individuals and companies in Denmark who buy unsorted pelagic bulk landings directly from fishermen must, effective as of April 1st 2020, ensure that the fish is weighed during unloading by an accredited inspection company, and carry out sampling for species sorting according to a sampling plan established by the legal authorities.

Members of Marine Ingredients Denmark comply with the authorities' requirements for sampling and sorting by outsourcing the task to an impartial third party inspection company certified according to DS / EN 17020 "Type A" inspection company and accredited by the national accreditation body in Denmark, Danak.

According to the regulation, it is a legal requirement that an accredited inspection company carries out the weighing. The factories have, for practical and logistical reasons, decided that the chosen third-party companies should also handle the task of sampling and sorting. This is to secure an arm's length between buyer and seller and to ensure full transparency.

To make sure that that all inspection companies contracted by members of Marine Ingredient Denmark use similar forms for species sorting, regardless of landing place, suppliers to members of Marine Ingredients must in all cases follow the procedure described in appendix 1, of which the main points are:

1. For all landings, the first-time buyer sends a written order directly to its accredited inspection company,
2. Sampling, species sorting, and weighing must only be performed by an accredited 17020 type A inspector, his inspectors trained for the task or trained inspectors from another accredited company as a subcontractor,
3. An accredited inspection report must be provided for each landing

Marine Ingredients Denmark wish to be informed about any noncompliance of this Code of Conduct.