

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: Programming 2014-2020, request for amendment of operational

programme 'European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom' for support from the EMFF in

the UK according to the simplified procedure

Dear Mr Smith,

In accordance with Article 1(3) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1362/2014, we acknowledged the receipt of the amended version 3.0 of the operational programme 'European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - Operational Programme for the United Kingdom' for support from the EMFF in UK that was requested to be treated according to the simplified procedure.

The Commission considered the request submitted on 20 July 2020 complete, therefore the period laid down in Articles 1(4) and 1(5) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1362/2014 has started on 21 July 2020.

Herewith, the UK is notified that the Commission is not going to send observations on the request for amendment, therefore, after the expiry of the period laid down in Article 1(4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1362/2014 the amendment of the operational programme is deemed to be approved.

In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 65(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 2020/558 of 23 April 2020, and by way of derogation from the first subparagraph thereof, expenditure for operations supported under COVID-19 related measures shall be eligible as of 1 February 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Charlina VITCHEVA