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Subject: 8% margin of tolerance between logbook entry and landing declaration

Dear Mr Anderson and Mr Lambourn

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2007. I welcome your acknowledgement of previous abuse and manipulation of the 20% tolerance margin. In some cases it led to under declarations of up to 36%, and this was one of the reasons why the Council agreed on a lower margin of tolerance for some specific fisheries, subject to recovery measures (eg hake, cod, sole).

I note your request that we now consider this issue, and I am pleased to inform you that it will be addressed during the forthcoming discussions with Member States on the review of the CFP control rules. The main objective of the review is to simplify and strengthen the control rules, and I look forward to close cooperation with the RACs during the stakeholder consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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