ANFACO CYTMA

ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL DE FABRICANTES DE CONSERVAS Y PRODUCTOS TRANSFORMADOS DE PESCADOS Y MARISCOS
CENTRO NACIONAL DE CONOCIMIENTO Y TECNOLOGÍA PARA LA INDUSTRIA MARINA, ACUÍCOLA Y ALIMENTARIA

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## ANFACO-CYTMA'S PLEDGE TO THE EU CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES

ANFACO-CYTMA is a private and non-profit business association whose mission more than a century after its founding, continues to be to represent and defend the sectoral interest of seafood cluster in Spain, as well as to provide high added value services through its Technological Centre to the whole of it.

The fish processing sector represented by ANFACO-CYTMA is characterized by its commitment to the principles of the business responsibility in the social, economic, and environmental aspects. It stands out for basing the development of its activities on the most advanced standards in fields such as work conditions, food quality and safety, respect for the environment and assurance of sustainability and achievement of the standards that ensure a responsible fishing and commerce in regard to the supply of raw materials.

The sea products processing sector also encourages, protects and supports the sustainable management of the fishing and aquaculture products used by the Spanish industry. The main goal is to ensure the availability of the raw material to the current and future demand of such products by the consumers in the five continents where its products are marketed.

All these issues are addressed by our Organisation by means of several projects and other activities, that with our joining to the EU Code we wish to improve and disseminate properly, being also part of AIPCE-CEP, currently signatories.

For the reasons mentioned above, we would be honoured to be one of the signatories of this Code and we pledge to subscribe the obligations listed in the Code (Point 1.4):

- endorse the aspirational objectives set out in this Code (where applicable);
- promote and disseminate this Code with(in) their constituency/ies;
- encourage their members to align their sustainability actions and/or business practices to the aspirational objectives and targets of the Code and invite them, on a voluntary basis, to adhere to this Code, as appropriate;
- explore the possibility of developing sector-specific tools and resources in support of this Code;
- provide, on an annual basis, a report of their activities in support of this Code, which will be published on an open dedicated website;

- continue to engage in dialogue with other food chain/systems actors and EU and international policy-makers to forge (new) relationships, exchange good practices and discuss challenges encountered, learn from each other (studies, projects) and create better mutual understanding, and identify opportunities for collaboration and potential partnership.

From ANFACO-CYTMA we believe that the EU CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES can be a strong motivator for the fish Value Chain that makes possible the improvement in areas related to sustainability, efficieny, social responsibility, and guarantees a healthy and balanced diet for all the citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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