



By-Product assessment report

BP078

Sia Venta FM

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1. Application details		
Applicant	Sia Venta FM	
Applicant country	Latvia	
2. Certification Body details		
Name of Certification Body (CB)	LRQA	
Contact information for CB	fisheries-ca@lrqa.com	
Assessor name	Jim Missen	
CB internal peer reviewer name	Ayana Sabu	
Internal peer review evaluation	Agree with evaluation	
Number of Assessment days	0.1	
Comments on the assessment	Sprat and herring are both listed as Least Concern by the IUCN and are not included in any CITES Appendix. Thus, they are eligible for approval as a MarinTrust by-product. The species are sourced from Latvia, a medium-risk flag state and therefore do not require a Step 3 assessments. Accordingly, the by-products are approved but should be sourced with caution.	
3. Approval validity	Valid from 09/2026	Valid until 09/2027
4. Assessment cycle	Re-Approval	

5. By-product assessment outcomes			
By-product species name <i>Common and Latin names</i>	Flag country(ies)	Fishing Areas <i>Only applicable to Step 3 assessed species</i>	MarinTrust approval status
Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>)	Latvia	N/A	Approved source with caution

Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	Latvia	N/A	Approved source with caution
Guidance for on-site auditor For the audit, the auditor will check how the facility manages by-products deemed medium risk. Any by-products downrated from high to medium risk will require additional due diligence checks. It is important that facilities check all raw materials from and verify their suppliers especially if there is a perceived risk of sourcing from known or suspected IUU fishing activity. This requires checking supplier records or procedures in place to understand how the supplier can ensure there is no IUU in the raw material they provide. For raw materials risk rated medium, additional or more frequent checks may be required until the facility is certain that the raw materials are not from IUU fishing activity. The audit requirements are covered in clause 2.11.3 of the MarinTrust Global Standard for Responsible Supply of Marine Ingredients (the MarinTrust Standard) and associated interpretation guidance. Approved by-products - No further checks are required beyond those included in the MarinTrust Standard. Additional checks of Approved Source with Caution by-products - Review supplier records or procedures in place. Additional checks of by-products Approved Source with Caution via Step 3 assessment - In addition to checks for medium risk Approved Source with Caution by-products, by-products that have had risk downgraded from high to medium at Step 3 (use Appendix 1 to identify these by-product species), confirm that the relevant traceability information continues to be collected for this by-product. During the audit, a traceability check on any by-products downgraded from high to medium risk shall be included as part of the required traceability checks (Section 4). Guidance for the applicant/certificate holder The applicant/certificate holder is responsible for ensuring the relevant actions are taken to comply with the MarinTrust Standard. The certificate holder is responsible for communicating any changes to the by-products sourced by submitting a scope extension request through the MarinTrust online Application Portal.			

Appendix 1 – assessment outcomes

Step 2 Assessment Outcomes

By-product species name <i>Common and Latin names</i>	Flag country(ies)	IUCN Red List <i>Select IUCN red list category from dropdown</i>	CITES Appendices <i>Select CITES appendix status from dropdown</i>	Step 2 risk status <i>Low risk/ Medium risk/ High risk</i>	Step 3 required <i>Yes / No</i>
Sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>)	Latvia	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)	Latvia	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No

Step 3 Assessment Outcomes

By-product species name <i>Common and Latin names</i>	Flag country(ies)	Fishing Area	Stock name <i>(If applicable e.g. Eastern Pacific stock)</i>	Category C Assessment Outcome <i>Pass/Fail</i>	Traceability information <i>Path 1 – Yes OR Path 2 – Yes/No OR MT Approved Whole Fish</i>	Step 3 Risk Outcome <i>Risk downgraded to Medium Risk/ Remains High Risk</i>
Comments on Step 3 Assessment: N/A						

Appendix 2 – detailed assessment outcomes

(step 2 and step 3 if applicable)

Step 2 outcomes

Flag state	Risk rating	Flag score	Port score	General score	Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	'Carded' under EU Carding system	Flag state party to PSMA	Flag state mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	WGI Governance rank
Latvia	Medium	1.79	2	2.13	1	1	1	1	94.91%

Step 3 outcomes

Category C assessment

Species name			
Fishing area and stock			
C1	Category C Stock Status - Minimum Requirements		
	C1.1	Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process, OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
	C1.2	The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.	
Clause outcome:			
C1.1 Fishery removals of the species in the fishery under assessment are included in the stock assessment process OR are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible. C1.2 The species is considered, in its most recent stock assessment, to have a biomass above the limit reference point (or proxy), OR removals by the fishery under assessment are considered by scientific authorities to be negligible.			
References			

Traceability information

Information provided for Step 3 Path 1 or Path 2

Species name				
Path 1		Yes ☐ No ☐		
Confirm all KDEs are provided		Yes ☐ No ☐		
Path 2		Yes ☐ No ☐ <i>If yes for Path 2, complete the next section</i>		
Path 2 outcome <i>Countries may be different for Coastal State and Port State.</i>	Flag country	Coastal score	Port score	Risk outcome
				Choose an item.
				Choose an item.