



By-Product assessment report

BP079

Prima Protein AS

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1. Application details		
Applicant	Prima Protein AS	
Applicant country	Norway	
2. Certification Body details		
Name of Certification Body (CB)	LRQA	
Contact information for CB	mt-ca@lrqa.com	
Assessor name	Sam Peacock	
CB internal peer reviewer name	Blanca Gonzalez	
Internal peer review evaluation	Agree with evaluation	
Number of Assessment days	0.2	
Comments on the assessment	This assessment covers nine byproducts. All are sourced exclusively from Medium Risk flag states, and therefore do not require a Step 3 assessment. All were Approved source with caution. Of note: one of the species covered by this assessment, <i>Sebastes mentella</i>, is categorised on the IUCN red list as Endangered in Europe as the result of a 2013 IUCN assessment. As per the MT byproduct assessment guidance, the validity of this rating was reviewed because it is over 5 years old. The stock in question is subject to regular stock assessment and has a biomass substantially above the target and limit reference point levels. Additionally, the Norwegian fishery on this stock includes an MSC-certified component. For these reasons, the Endangered rating is considered outdated, and the species was not failed on that basis.	
3. Approval validity	Valid from 09/2025	Valid until 09/2026

4. Assessment cycle	Re-Approval
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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
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> - Blue whiting	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Clupea harengus</i> - Herring	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Gadus morhua</i> - Cod	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Pollachius virens</i> - Saithe	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Sprattus sprattus</i> - Sprat	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Scomber scombrus</i> - Mackerel	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Trachurus trachurus</i> - Horse mackerel	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> - Haddock	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	n/a	Approved source with caution
<i>Sebastes mentella</i> - Deepwater/beaked redfish	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	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>
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> - Blue whiting	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Clupea harengus</i> - Herring	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Gadus morhua</i> - Cod	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Vulnerable	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Pollachius virens</i> - Saithe	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No

<i>Sprattus sprattus</i> - Sprat	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Scomber scombrus</i> - Mackerel	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Trachurus trachurus</i> - Horse mackerel	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> - Haddock	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Least concern	Not listed	Medium risk	No
<i>Sebastes mentella</i> - Deepwater/beaked redfish	Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Islands	Global – Least Concern Europe – Endangered*	Not listed	Medium risk	No

* *S. mentella* is listed by the IUCN Red List as Endangered in Europe, via an assessment conducted in 2013. As this is more than 5 years ago, the following section of the MarinTrust byproduct assessment guidance is applicable:

“If the species has not been assessed on the IUCN Red List for more than 5 years, and there is a reason to question the IUCN status, the applicant or stakeholder should provide additional evidence to the Certification Body to demonstrate that the IUCN status is outdated. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis with the assistance of MarinTrust.” (MarinTrust byproduct assessment criteria V3.2, page 10).

Beaked redfish in this area is regularly assessed by the Joint Russian-Norwegian Working Group on Arctic Fisheries (JRN-AFWG), with the most recent stock assessment concluding that stock biomass is around 4-6 times larger than the limit reference point level and 3-4 times larger than the target reference point¹. Additionally, the Norwegian fishery carried out on this stock includes an MSC certified component. After discussion with Marin Trust, and as a result of this information, the IUCN rating of “Endangered” is considered to be outdated, and the byproduct does not fail on that basis.

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>
No Step 3 assessments						
Comments on Step 3 Assessment: Assessor note: N/A						

¹ <https://www.hi.no/hi/nettrapporter/imr-pinro-en-2024-4>

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
Norway	Medium	2.42	2.39	2.1	1	1	1	1	92.00%
Denmark	Medium	2	2.56	1.87	1	1	1	1	98.58%
Sweden	Medium	1.33	2.22	1.77	1	1	1	1	96.23%

Step 3 outcomes

Category C assessment

Species name		N/A	
Fishing area and stock		N/A	
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. Add rationale here 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. Add rationale here			
References : N/A			

Traceability information

Information provided for Step 3 Path 1 or Path 2

Assessor note: Duplicate for each species/stock

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.