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## **COMMISSION MUST TAKE STEPS**

Following recent reports about attempts to circumvent minimum import price rules by some Norwegian salmon producers, SNP Euro-MP, Ian Hudghton, has tabled a parliamentary question to the European Commission. Speaking today in Strasbourg, Mr Hudghton commented:

“I am deeply concerned about reports that Norwegian salmon exporters have been using duplicate invoices to circumvent the minimum price of salmon stipulated under the EU-Norway salmon agreement. What’s more, some EU importers have co-operated in this alleged deceit, with Norwegian salmon producers having one invoice for the benefit of EU customs officials, stating the fixed minimum price, and another invoice for the EU importer, stating the actual price of the shipment.

“The salmon agreement between the EU and Norway was set in place after dumping of subsidised Norwegian salmon on the EU market, which was threatening the survival of Scottish and other EU salmon producers. It is imperative that its provisions are enforced and that producers who receive no subsidies are not undercut by cheap salmon imports from Norway.

“I have therefore asked the European Commission to provide assurances that proper monitoring provisions are in place to ensure that the salmon agreement’s provisions are adhered to, and to ensure that, if necessary, further safeguards are put in place to prevent the dumping of subsidised salmon on the EU market by Norwegian salmon exporters.”

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