

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

26 June 2023

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Seafood Industry Australia's Submission to the discussion paper on measures to prevent the importation of Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Seafood into Australia**

Sydney Fish Market (SFM) is an institution in the NSW and wider Australian fishing industries, having provided a secure and reliable marketplace for Australian seafood since 1966.

SFM was first operated as a wholesale fish market by the Fish Marketing Authority, a state-run body. 1994 saw the significant transformation of SFM's structure, as the New South Wales Government privatised the marketing of seafood, and Sydney Fish Market Pty Ltd was formed. Since 1994, SFM has been owned equally by the harvest and post-harvest sectors of the NSW seafood industry – the Catchers Trust of NSW and SFM Tenants and Merchants Pty Ltd.

SFM operates a wholesale auction and working fish market, hosting six seafood retailers offering Australia's widest variety of fresh seafood alongside a range of other produce retailers, restaurants and cafes. It is the largest market of its kind in the southern hemisphere, trading over 100 different species of seafood each day. In the 2022 financial year, SFM sold around 500 species of seafood with a total value of over \$152m.

As Australia's home of seafood and a cornerstone of the seafood industry in Australia, SFM welcomes the exploration of measures to prevent the importation of illegal, unreported and unregulated seafood into Australia and endorses the submission and recommendations made by Seafood Industry Australia.

SFM supports the submission by Seafood Industry Australia and is in favour of an approach that considers that Australia should continue to perform a leadership role in adopting and advocating for multi-lateral traceability schemes and trade agreements. We are supportive of the belief that until more data is available to indicate that Australia is importing significant amounts of IUU seafood products, it is best to maintain and build upon arrangements already in place, and not unilaterally develop policy reforms unless a compelling case to do so emerges.

Yours sincerely,

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