



**ROYAL NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

The Minister

Commissioner Phil Hogan
European Commission
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Dear Commissioner Phil Hogan,

I would like to thank you for the meeting held on the 27th September.

We have for several years discussed requests for adaptations to Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008. I regret that it has not been possible to take into account regional variations through an adaptation to Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008.

In the interest of moving the incorporation process forward, I would hereby like to inform you that Norway has decided to withdraw the requests concerning adaptation texts on the use of slatted floors in sheep housing and the labelling of origin of organic products. Norway is thus ready to incorporate Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 and amending acts into the EEA Agreement, and to implement these acts in Norwegian national legislation. As you are aware of, incorporation into the EEA Agreement requires unanimity. I can however assure you that we will do our utmost to contribute to a rapid conclusion of the incorporation process.

As communicated to your services, organic salmon originating in Norway is produced and inspected in accordance with the requirements in the EU regulation in this area. I trust that we can find a flexible solution with regard to the labelling of organic salmon from Norway during this temporary period, in order to avoid disproportionate consequences for our trade in this product.

I look forward to further contact and cooperation with you.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Georg Dale