

## To

The European Commission

## From

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## **Continued use of mercury-containing UV lamps**

Dear Sir / Madam

Aqua & Care AS is a Norwegian based company specialized in maintenance of Uv-systems all across Norway. We have 20 dedicated employees that help our 600 clients in getting clean water every day.

Almost all of the municipalities and aquafarms have installed Uv-systems and rely on using UV for disinfection of the water. Today there are no other alternatives on the market that can disinfect large amount of water in an efficient way. Banning mercury will have large consequences, increase the chances for infected water that could result in sickness for large group of people. With the current Pandemic we need to make sure that our health system do not get overloaded, and a complete banning of mercury will put even more stress to the health system.

Furthermore, this could also get negative consequences for the production of fish at our aquafarms and result in problems of delivery of the 100 million meals that the Norwegian aquaculture produces every day.

Based on this I will strongly argue for continued use of mercury-containing UV lamps

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