

From: Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara
To: Skretting
7 Nov 2019

Dear Sophe Noonan, media officer, Skretting

Our association, the Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara has taken note of the existence of your company's factory in Güllük, Turkey.

Güllük is main port of imports of fish meal from occupied Western Sahara. Trade with such product entails certain ethical consequences. The Norwegian Government furthermore advises against such trade due to aspects of international law.

On this basis, we would highly appreciate an answer to the following two questions.

- 1) Which supplier(s) of fish meal is/are Skretting using in Turkey?
- 2) Does this supplier(s) use raw materials with origin from Western Sahara?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

From: Skretting
To: Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara
31 January 2020

Apologies it has taken some time to get back to you.

We find the political situation in Western Sahara to be very complex, particularly in the context of our global business. As I believe Mads pointed out to you, we operate in many different countries around the world. From our global perspective, we do not engage in political issues, but always operate within the governmental legislation in which our companies operate. As such, Skretting Norway follows guidance from the Norwegian authorities and does not purchase any materials from Morocco. We can confirm that there have been deliveries to Skretting Turkey originating from Morocco, in compliance with Turkish law.

Having said this, we would like to take the opportunity to get insight from you on how you see the situation. As you may be aware, we work very hard to improve on the sustainability front of our operations, but as I said, we do rely on national legislation in which we operate to guide us from a political standpoint.

With kind regards,

Sophie Noonan
Global Communications Manager
Skretting Group

From: Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara
To: Skretting
31 January 2020

Dear Sophie Noonan

Thank you for your answer.

I am afraid your mail does not contain answer to my questions.

Morocco is a legit trading partner. Our question was not relating to trade with Morocco.

As you probably know, Western Sahara is not part of Morocco. It would be a highly politically controversial statement to claim otherwise, as no state in the world, nor the UN consider Western Sahara as part of Morocco. The EU Court of Justice stresses that Western Sahara is a distinct and separate territory from Morocco.

Would you be able to clarify the two questions that I asked?

- 1) Which supplier(s) of fish meal is/are Skretting using in Turkey?
- 2) Does this supplier(s) use raw materials with origin from Western Sahara?

Sincerely,

From: Skretting

To: Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara

4 Feb 2020

I would like to be very clear that it was of course not the intention to make any kind of political statement. In answer to your questions, we do not disclose information about our suppliers as this is business sensitive, however we can say that Skretting Turkey is purchasing raw materials (fish meal) produced in Laâyoune, West Sahara. As I mentioned in the previous email, we follow local policies with regard to sourcing of ingredients.

The fish meal we refer to is fully IFFO RS certified, meaning the fishery has been audited against responsible practices criteria, specifically sourcing, manufacture and supply. Please find more information about IFFO RS here. <https://www.iffors.com/>

With kind regards,

Sophie