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6. Response to the arguments of SEASALT Europe:

Arguments of SEASALT Europe

The production of sea salt, which involves the extraction of a natural resource, undeniably constitutes a primary agricultural activity. Its exclusion from the scope of the SAP certification mark creates an unjustified disparity in comparison with other primary agricultural productions, which could potentially result in a competitive disadvantage for sea salt producers.
We therefore respectfully request that the Commission favourably consider including the primary production of sea salt within the scope of the Sustainable Agricultural Production certification mark. This inclusion would ensure equitable treatment for all primary agricultural producers and contribute to the overall sustainability of the food system.
For further justification of our position, please refer to the attached document detailing our arguments in favour of including the primary production of sea salt within the activities covered by the Sustainable Agricultural Production certification mark.

Response

SEASALT Europe argues that the production of sea salt constitutes a primary agricultural activity and requests its inclusion in Sustainable Agricultural Production (SAP), so that it can be certified under SAP. It is argued that this inclusion would contribute to the overall sustainability of the food system.
The Regulation on the use of the Sustainable Agricultural Production certification mark includes the product ‘salt’ in Class 30 of the International Nomenclature approved by the Nice Agreement concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks.
Currently, the technical standard has been developed for agricultural and livestock farms and consideration should be given on to how to incorporate salt into the SAP certification.

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