

EFFOP European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers response

“European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers (EFFOP) represents its member companies from the European fishmeal and fish oil production sector, an important part of the food value chain which is regulated as such to ensure consumers’ health.

EFFOP supports the continuation of research works so the understanding of contaminants improves. Trials at an industry level have been contributing to this effort: for many years, European producers have been investing in improving fishmeal cleaning techniques.

While most types of fishmeals have undergone those trials successfully, removing dioxins from crustacean (shrimp) meal to a larger extent than already achieved today requires further research because of the high dust content of this meal. As part of established processes, whereby equal, transparent and timely access is granted to a broad spectrum of interests to clarify decision-making, EFFOP has provided the industry’s perspective to the European authorities : in the current state of science, the European fishmeal and fish oil producers whom EFFOP represents will not be able to meet the EU’s proposed new limits for shrimp meal, using existing technology and known decontamination methods.

The production of crustacean meal already complies with strict maximum levels which ensure feed and food safety. EFFOP is actively involved in further trials to enable continuous improvement.”