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Statement from Canada relating to transgenic salmon

Canada would like to provide additional information to that presented in document NAC(17)9 (which is contained in Annex 6 of the Report of the North American Commission meeting) regarding the proposal to produce genetically engineered salmon in a closed containment land-based facility in Prince Edward Island. Specifically, in 2013, the Minister of the Environment published a Significant New Activity Notice (No. 16528) under Section 110 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1999) that details the conditions under which activities specific to the described genetically engineered salmon would not constitute a significant new activity. The Significant New Activity Notice is published and available on the website in 'Canada Gazette Vol. 147, No. 47 — November 23, 2013'. A Significant New Activity Notice is a legal instrument issued by the Minister of the Environment pursuant to section 110 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999. The Significant New Activity Notice sets out the appropriate information that must be provided to the Minister for assessment prior to the commencement of a new activity as described in the Notice. A Significant New Activity Notice does not constitute an endorsement from Environment Canada or the Government of Canada of the living organism to which it relates, or an exemption from any other laws or regulations that are in force in Canada and that may apply to this living organism or activities involving the living organism.