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The Commission is not aware of the EU fishing industry selling fins without regard for conservation efforts of third countries. Trade data is collected at country level and is not broken down at regional or state level. In any case, there are no recorded sales of shark fin products to the United States in the past ten years.

In case of evidence or serious allegations of unlawful practices, the Commission will surely act within the framework of its competences in cooperation with Member States' and partner countries' customs authorities.