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The head of the Consortium, Sergio Fares, stated that the three flour mills operating in the port of Mar del Plata were urged to take steps to ensure that the gases coming out of their chimneys do not produce the characteristic smell of spoiled fish.

Depending on which way the wind blows, the smell affects the Punta Mogotes resort complex as well as the port or the Playa Grande area, and sometimes even reaches the downtown area of Mar del Plata.



Fares told [www.telam.com.ar](#) that companies "have two alternatives: either install a gas scrubber system that removes the odor from the gas that escapes into the atmosphere as water vapor; or recirculate that vapor to use it as a generator of new energy." "Depending on the infrastructure of each plant, they will have to choose one or the other, but they have until December 31 to finalize it," he added.

He clarified that "this will not eliminate the typical fishy smell of the port, but it will eliminate the strong odor produced when fish waste is burned" to make flour. He also said that currently in Mar del Plata "there are three flour mills remaining, which are within the Consortium's jurisdiction, from the Martínez de Hoz coastal boulevard toward the sea."

Fares estimated that there will be no problems for companies to comply with the resolution, which will require an investment that the official described as "completely viable" for the flour mills.

He added that the province's Environmental Policy Secretariat would provide soft credit lines to carry out the necessary renovations to eliminate the smell of the fumes and clarified that the unpleasant odor does not mean the air is polluted. "Two years ago, a study was conducted and found that although there was an odor, there was no air pollution in the port area," he stated.

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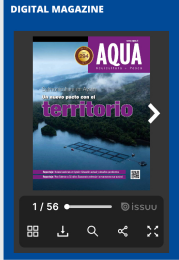
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