

## MINUTES FOCUS GROUP CONTROL REGULATION

Tuesday 17 July 2018

13:00-16:00

Business Europe Avenue de Cortenbergh 168  
Brussels

### Attendees:

Brian O’Riordan – LIFE  
Rosalie Tukker – EUROPECHE  
Beatrice Gorez – CFFA  
Maria Luisa Alvarez – FEDEPESCA  
Sean O’Donoghue – EAPO  
Pim Visser – VisNed  
Janne Posti – MSC  
Bruno Guillaumie – EMPA  
Eszter Hidas - WWF  
Pierre Commere – AIPCE  
Claudia Vinci – AIPCE  
Mike Turenhout – Visfederatie  
Andrew Kuyk – Chair  
Sandra Sanmartin – MAC  
Francesca Arena – European Commission DG MARE

### **Work Strategy**

Members have decided the following:

- The Secretariat will inform DG MARE that the MAC will not meet the deadline given under the Better Regulation of the 25 of July for comments. Instead, the MAC will forward its opinion directly to the Parliament and Council
- The MAC aims at participating in a Hearing at the Parliament to present its views on the Control Regulation once the new Parliament is in place.

### **Items discussed to be included in the opinion**

- **Article 56:**

- Definition of lots inconsistent with other regulations and not applicable to aquaculture
- Definition of traceability and digital systems in place, cost of the implementation of these systems and adequate trainings
- Traceability of imports
- Reasoning behind the potential prohibition of mixing species: specific case of products containing more than one species/blended products
- Disagreement with the exemption of 30kg - article 56.3

- **Article 57:**

-Difficulties of proving compliance in certain cases

- **Article 58:**

-Addition of “[...] marked or labelled **with the number of the lot** [...]” in 58.3

- **Article 60:**

-Original 60.3 deleted: proper implementation of this article, rather than deletion, is needed

**Others:**

- Principle of subsidiarity and double imposition of fines
- Support of article 55 on recreational fisheries
- Explanatory memorandum referring to the specific objectives of the proposal:
  - which provisions have been simplified?
  - the need to ensure the proposal does not imply economic burdens to the sector
  - competitiveness of the fishing sector in which sense
- Request more training opportunities for professionals, particularly with regards to technological developments
- References to EMFF, fundamental for the implementation of the system

**Way forward:**

-The Secretariat, with the help of Eszter Hidas WWF, will draft an opinion to be presented to WG2 and subsequently to the ExCom beginning of September. Ideally, the approved document will be forwarded to Parliament and Council mid-September.