



# WORKING GROUP 3 – EU CONTROL AND SANITARY ISSUES, CONSUMER RULES

Benoît Thomassen

Chair

Online (Zoom)

Wednesday, 26 May 2021

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- **14:00** Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen
- **14:05** Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.03.21)
- **14:10** Voluntary Sustainability Claims on Seafood Products
- **16:00** Plant-based imitation seafood
- **16:40** Health and Environmental Value of Seafood
- **17:20** AOB
- **17:25** Summary of actions points

*17:30 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2021)

## **Voluntary Sustainability Claims on Seafood Products:**

- Chair and Secretariat to attempt redrafting of draft recommendation f)
- Secretariat to circulate amended version of the draft to the members
- Continuation of consideration of the draft advice at the next meeting
  - Amended draft circulated on 6 May 2021 with redrafted recommendation f)
  - Consideration of the draft advice scheduled in the draft agenda

## **Plant-based imitation seafood:**

- Draft advice to be circulated for comments
- Chair and Secretariat to determine, based on the level of divergence in the submitted comments, whether the draft requires discussion at the next meeting or whether it should continue through written procedure
  - Circulation for comments: 8 to 23 April 2021
  - Consideration of the draft advice scheduled in the draft agenda

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2021)

## Health and Environmental Value of Seafood:

- Working Group to wait for the list of legislative recommendations from the SEAFOODtomorrow project
- Secretariat sent email to project coordinators asking for update on the list

## Dioxins and Dioxin-like Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in Fish Oil:

- Matthias Keller (Bundesverband der deutschen Fischindustrie und des Fischgrosshandels e.V.) to prepare draft proposal in coordination with the Chair and the Secretariat
- Draft to be considered through written procedure
  - WG3 written consultation: 20 April to 5 May 2021
  - ExCom written consultation: 6 to 21 May 2021

# VOLUNTARY SUSTAINABILITY CLAIMS ON SEAFOOD PRODUCTS

## ➤ **Consideration of draft advice**

- At 30 March meeting, WG3 considered and suggested amendments to draft recommendations
- Agreement reached on all draft recommendations except f)

## ➤ **Way forward**

# PLANT-BASED IMITATION SEAFOOD

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice

- Different labelling solutions:
  - 1) Visfederatie: "(part of) commercial designation" + "imitation"
  - 2) Fischverband & ADEPALE: "Vegan/Vegetarian/Plant-based/Etc" + "Fish".
  - 3) EAPO & CONXEMAR: "Fish" + "imitation"
  - 4) EuroCommerce: "Vegan/Vegetarian/Plant-based/Etc" + "(Part of) Commercial Designation"
  - 5) FEDEPESCA: "Product based on tofu with flavour of tuna"

## ➤ Way forward

# HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE OF SEAFOOD

## ➤ Presentation on nutrition

- Yobana Bermúdez, Technical Director, Conxemar

## ➤ Presentation on environmental impact

- Jordi Guillen, Project Officer – Scientific, JRC (tbc)

## ➤ Presentation on VAT rates for seafood products

- Maria Luisa Álvarez, Managing Director, FEDEPESCA

## ➤ Way forward

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**