



Working Group 3: EU control and sanitary issues, consumer rules

MINUTES

Tuesday 12 February 2019

11:00-14:00

Bilbao Exhibition Center

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Welcome from the Chair

The Chair, Georg Werner, welcomed those present.

Adoption of agenda and minutes last meeting (18.10.18)

Both minutes of last meeting and agenda were adopted.

Update on Ecolabels

Status: Consideration of a workshop on Ecolabels

The Chair gave an update on the status of this file: [a questionnaire](#) was circulated among members of the MAC on whether ecolabels, certification schemes and voluntary information are *de facto* conditions to enter the market. The responses were forwarded anonymously to the European Commission (EC) and no further action has been requested from the MAC. Members agreed in organising a workshop on the matter and in drafting Terms of Reference (ToR) on the workshop so as to clarify what would the outcome be. These ToR will be drafted by the Chair of WG3 and the Secretariat and will be discussed at the next session of the Working Group 3.

The EC welcomed the initiative and involvement of the MAC in this topic.

On concerns regarding the letter addressed to the EC that accompanied the responses to the questionnaire, it was agreed that no letter will be sent to the EC on behalf of the MAC that has not been agreed by the Executive Committee.

Consumer information

Status: Consideration of providing the support requested by AAC on the caviar issue

Consideration of further work by the MAC on consumer information (namely, declaration of origin for products 1605 and 1606 currently out of the scope of the CMO)

Find the documents [here](#).



The Chair gave an overview of the caviar issue, presented by the AAC during the last meeting of WG3 (October 2018, presentation [here](#)). The AAC prepared [an advice](#) on the issue which the EC responded to. [In the letter](#), the EC stated that they would welcome a discussion MAC-AAC on the issue of consumer information provisions.

With regards to the caviar issue, the Secretariat will circulate an email inviting members to consider supporting the AAC.

As for consumer information, a debate took place among members with regards to the convenience to further discuss the issue. While the representative from the AAC clarified that the AAC requests from the MAC its support only with regards to the caviar issue, members of the MAC decided to constitute a Focus Group on Consumer Information. The Focus Group shall be constituted of members representing all sectors along the value chain.

Plastics

Status: Scope of the workshop on plastics agreed upon in October 2018

Find the documents [here](#).

Seafish opened the discussion by making a [presentation](#) on plastics, which helped in opening the discussion on what specific topics should be addressed in the workshop.

Members endorsed the idea of having a workshop, with key speakers, involving the three working groups in the MAC as well as other ACs. The Secretariat and the Chair will prepare the layout, date and speakers which will be circulated among members for adoption. A list of topics will be also circulated among members in order to narrow down the scope of the event.

Traceability

Status: Presentation by Mercadona on traceability

Find the presentation [here](#).

Mercadona gave a presentation on traceability and how they deal with the wide range of data. It was followed by an exchange of views among members. Members expressed the importance traceability.

End of the meeting

Attendance list

**Representatives of the Commission were present via video-conference*

Organisation	Representative
Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC)	Javier Ojeda
ADEPALE	Pierre Commere
AIPCE	Guus Pastoor
AIPCE-CEP	Andrew Kuyk
Ancit	Giorgio Alessandro Rimoldi
ANFACO-CECOPESCA	Roberto Carlos Alonso Baptista de Sousa
CONXEMAR	Aurora de Blas Carbonero
CONXEMAR	Katarina Sipic
Danish Seafood Association	Jens Høj Mathiesen
EMPA/AEPM	Maria Angeles Longa
Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)	Georg Werner
EuroCommerce	Julie Mandrille
Europêche	Daniel Voces de Onaindi
FEAP	Kathryn Stack
FEAP	Arnault Chaperon
Fedepesca	Maria Luisa Alvarez Blanco
Federación Provincial de Cofradías de Pescadores de Lugo	Jose Basilio Otero Rodríguez
FRUCOM	Anna Boulova
Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation	Patrick Murphy
Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation Ltd	Sean O'Donoghue
Les Pêcheurs de Bretagne	Jean-Marie Robert
Living Sea	Erik Bjorn Olsen
Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)	Marcin Rucinski
MAC	Sandra Sanmartin
MAC	Jessica Demblon
Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)	Hans Nieuwenhuis
Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)	Laura Rodriguez
Mercadona	Lorena Torrecillas
Oceana	Agnes Lisik
Oceana	Vanya Vulperhorst
OPESCA YA	Aurelio Bilbao
OPP 72	Nicolas Fernández Muñoz
OPP LUGO – Organiz Productores Pesqueros Lugo	Sergio López García
PSPR	Jarek Zieliński



Market Advisory Council

Organisation	Representative
Puerto de Ceiro s a OPP77	Eduardo Miguez López
SEAFISH	Cristina Fernandez
Visfederatie	Mike Turenhout
VisNed	Pim Visser
WWF	Katrin Vilhelm Poulsen
WWF	Simone Niedermüller
Ministerio Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentacion	Jose Pellicer
Mercadona	Adela Torres
DG MARE	Evelien Ranshuysen
Ministry of Maritime Economy	Piotr Slowik