

Working Group 2: EU Market

Control Regulation

Update on the revision process

Process so far

Commission: 30 May 2018 – published revision proposal

European Parliament

- 27 November 2018: Exchange of views with experts in PECH Committee
- 18 December 2018: Rapporteur I. Thomas (S&D) released draft report
- 24 January 2019: Exchange in PECH Committee on Thomas' report
- 5 February 2019: Deadline for Amendments

Council

- limited progress so far
- hope for more progress under current presidency

Process going forward

European Parliament

- 20 February: next exchange on Control Regulation

Possible routes for vote on draft report:

(1) 25 March: extraordinary PECH committee vote

- Vote in plenary in week beginning 15 April

(2) 8 April: vote in PECH Committee

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(3) 8 April: vote in PECH Committee

- PECH Committee text will be carried forward to new EP (September 2019)

MAC Opinion (5 November 2018)

Agreement with proposal on:

- Recreational fisheries (Art. 55)
- Principles for control of marketing (Art. 56)
- Better control of small scale fisheries
- Digitalisation of catch certificates (IUU Reg)



MAC Opinion EU Fisheries Control System

Ver. 05.11.2018

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There are nevertheless aspects of the proposals, notably those relating to the amendment of Regulation No 1224/2009, which impact directly on the marketing of fish and fishery products and which are therefore directly relevant to its own horizontal remit in relation to the market and the need for a coherent and effective legislative framework which is consistently and fairly applied across the entire supply chain and results in a level playing field for fishery products compared to other food products.

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Proposed amendments

Context of the proposal

As set out in the Explanatory Memorandum to the proposal, the Commission has identified 4 specific objectives that it wishes to achieve:

- 1) Bridge the gaps with the CFP and with other EU policies;
- 2) Simplify the legislative framework and reduce unnecessary administrative burden;
- 3) Improve availability, reliability and completeness of fisheries data and information, in particular of catch data, and allow exchange and sharing of information; and
- 4) Remove obstacles that hinder the development of a culture of compliance and the equitable treatment of operators within and across Member States.

The MAC hopes the legislators will take into account these principles, ensuring that the proposed articles and measures do not represent unnecessary additional burdens or costs to the sector. This is particularly relevant in relation with the second objective mentioned above.

MAC Opinion (5 November 2018)

Recommendation for changes to:

- Lots (Art. 56)
 - Restrictions on mixing species
 - Less strict requirements for lots > 30 kg
- Traceability (Art. 58)
 - Clarification of information in a “digitalised way”
 - Need for comparable traceability b/w EU-caught and imported fishery products

And: need for ample time before entry into force



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Rapporteur's draft report


Harmonisation

- Supports harmonisation
- unique admin. body in each MS to coordinate implementation of fisheries control
- Single EU-wide electronic inspection form
- Introduces: new sanction level ("major")

Simplification

- Strongly favours EFCA involvement
 - EFCA tool for fishers' obligations acc. to position, gear, date
- Identical MS forms for catches, loss of fishing gear & all reporting obligations

European Parliament
2014-2019



Committee on Fisheries

18.12.2018

2018/0193(COD)

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Rapporteur: Isabelle Thomas

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Rapporteur's draft report

- EFCA:
 - Centralised analysis of data by EFCA
- Opposes: limited introduction of CCTV on fishing vessels to check landing obligation

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MAC Opinion – Draft report

- **Art. 56** – Principles for the control of marketing

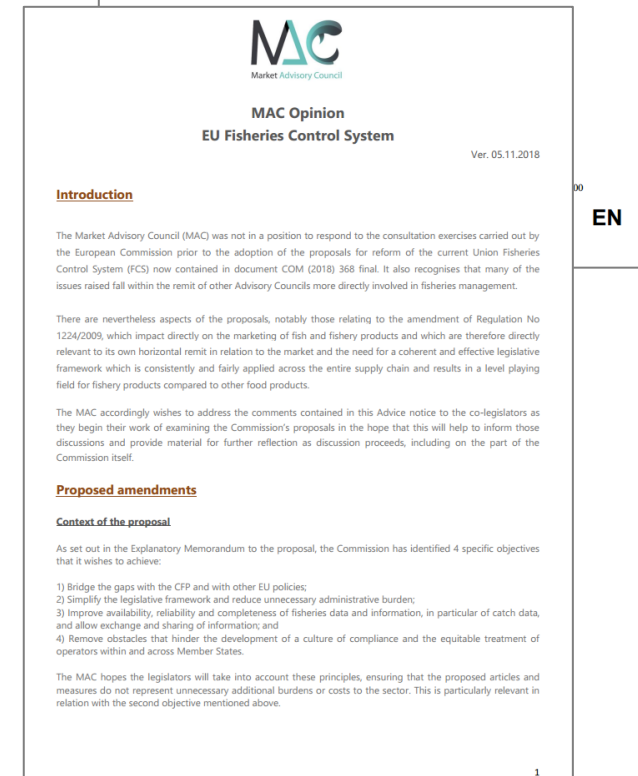
Draft report: Each Member State shall be responsible for controlling on its territory the application of the rules of the common fisheries policy at all stages of marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, from their placing on the market to the retail sale, including ***catering and*** transport.

- **Art. 58.5** – Traceability

Draft report: the date of catches for fishery products or date of harvest for aquaculture products, ***or*** the date of production where applicable;

- **Art. 58.10** – Traceability

Draft report: This Article shall not apply to ornamental fish.
→ deletion of crustaceans and molluscs



Control Regulation event: 7 March 2019

- Organised by group of NGOs
- Hosts:
 - R. Serrão Santos (S&D)
 - I. Thomas (tbc)
 - with the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
- Expert views on Control Regulation + panel discussion
 - Followed by Q&A session
- 2-hour event in European Parliament in Brussels