

# Trade negotiations

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# Free trade agreements:

## chapters that cover fisheries

### ➤ Trade in goods (TiG)

- Tariffs (liberalisation, staging)
- Market access issues

### ➤ Rules of Origin (ROO)

- Define “wholly obtained products”
- Ensuring the adoption of our standard rules of origin criteria (flag, registration, ownership).
- Making sure to keep the genuine link between the country responsible for a vessel and the fish it catches
- Setting out the conditions for cumulation and

# Free trade agreements: chapters that cover fisheries

## ➤ Trade and Sustainability

- conserving and sustainably managing in a way that is consistent with achieving economic, social and environmental benefits, marine biological resources and their ecosystems
  - Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture (implement long-term conservation and management measures and sustainable exploitation of marine living resources + adhere to all the international agreements, laws and codes of conduct related to sustainable fisheries and aquaculture)
  - IUU (implement measures to combat IUU fishing, implement policies to exclude IUU products from trade flows, and cooperate to this end, including by facilitating the exchange of information;
  - labour issues related to fisheries
  - (fisheries subsidies)

# Free trade agreements

## ➤ EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

- Sustainability impact assessment
- Rules of origin
- Chapter on fisheries
- Next round should take place in November.

## ➤ CHILE

- Update of the 2000 agreement. Next round in October.
- TiG: All fisheries products liberalised except for
  - tuna
  - salmon
  - hake
- TSD: Aquaculture



# Free trade agreements

- **NEW ZEALAND** – high ambition
  - Eight round took place in June. Future a bit uncertain (elections 17 october)
  - No date for next round yet
  - TSD chapter: NZ very ambitious
  - TiG: offers exchanged – far-reaching liberalisation foreseen
  - RoO: vessel criteria still discussed

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## ➤ AUSTRALIA – high ambition

- 8<sup>th</sup> round is currently ongoing
- TSD chapter far advanced (to discuss: aquaculture and subsidies)
- RoO: Vessel conditions
- TiG: small volumes of trade in fish. Farreaching liberalisation foreseen

## ➤ INDONESIA

- - Currently the talks are on hold – most likely no further round soon.
- In TSD some outstanding labour issues related to fisheries
- RoO: PSRs next on the agenda
- TiG: no commitments yet – (canned) tuna is our most sensitive product (canned sardines, surimi – but IND small exporter to EU)

# Free trade agreements

- Your input is more than welcome!
- We inform all MS about upcoming negotiations and contact them for input (before and during negotiations)
- We contact all the relevant industry and fish producers for input (before and during negotiations)
- STILL, do not hesitate to contact us on and provide us with information

# World Trade Organisation (WTO)

## ➤ WTO fisheries subsidies:

- Chair text on the table
- Still many differences among members
- Subsidies contributing to overfishing & overcapacity, overfished stocks, IUU
- Continuous negotiating mood until December
- EU pushing for conclusion in 2020, in line with SDG 14.6
- Covid concerns from developing countries



# Any questions?

