



WORKING GROUP 2 – EU MARKET

Pierre Commère

Chair

Online (Zoom)

Monday, 20 September 2021

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (25.05.21)
- 14:10 Trade
- 14:40 Fisheries Control Regulation
- 15:00 TRACES.NT System
- 15:20 Technologies for the Transmission of Data in the Supply Chain
- 16:10 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU)
- 16:55 Initial Focus Group on Trade
- 17:05 AOB
- 17:10 Summary of actions points

17:15 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (25 MAY 2021)

Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs):

- Once the external consultant's evaluation report and the Staff Working Document are published, Working Group 2 to analyse these and consider if further advice is needed on the topic
 - Publication of evaluation report & Staff Working Document still pending

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU):

- Draft advice on flags of convenience to be recirculated to the working group for a written consultation of two weeks
- Secretariat to contact LDAC Secretariat for potential consideration and endorsement of the amended draft by LDAC
- In case LDAC submits a small number of comments, the draft will be put forward to the Executive Committee for integration of the comments and adoption. Otherwise, the draft will continue at the working group's level for further consideration
 - WG written consultation: 7 - 22 June 2021 (no comments)
 - LDAC's input circulated to WG2 members
 - Consideration of the input scheduled on the draft agenda

ACTION POINTS (25 MAY 2021)

Brexit:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption through written procedure
 - Advice adopted on 11 June 2021
 - European Commission's reply on 30 June 2021

TRADE

➤ Update on latest developments

- **Pawel Szatkowski, Policy Officer (Trade & Customs), MARE B3**
 - Renegotiation of EEA Agreement
 - EU-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement
- **Marta Moren Abat, International Relations Officer, MARE B3**
 - USA Marine Mammal Protection Act

TRADE

➤ EU-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement

- EU liberalised all fisheries products
- Ukraine seeks liberalisation of additional (agricultural) products
- Ukraine has not liberalised around 50 lines of fisheries products (HS 03) and around 20 line processed FAP products of (HS Chapter 16)
- Main EU fisheries exports to Ukraine: herrings (0305 61 00) with 3,8% rate & salmon (0305 39 10) with 5% rate

➤ Exchange of views & way forward

- Is there an offensive trade interest for EU operators in the liberation of fisheries products by Ukraine?
- Should COM seek complete elimination of import duties?
- Would EU exports increase thanks to zero duties?
- Development of MAC advice on the matter?

FISHERIES CONTROL REGULATION

➤ Update on interinstitutional negotiations developments

- Council's general approach adopted (June 2021)
- Schedule of inter-institutional negotiations:
 - 14 October
 - 18 November
 - 7 December

➤ Exchange of views & way forward

- Work Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022): "As soon as tangible outcomes from inter-institutional negotiations become available, after careful analysis, follow-up advice to the European Commission and EU Member States is to be produced on the impact of the revision of the Control Regulation during year 6"

TRACES.NT SYSTEM

- Exchange of views on operational issues
 - Matthias Keller (Fishverband)

TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF DATA IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

➤ Presentation on blockchain and traceability of food products

- Petter Olsen, Senior Scientist, NOFIMA

➤ Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for joint MAC/NSAC/NWWAC webinar

- Half-day online webinar in November / December 2021
- Increase level of understanding on digital solutions, particularly blockchain
- Gather expertise + experience of seafood supply chain operators
- Advice to European Commission
 - Development and implementation of digital solutions
 - Challenges & added value
 - Experiences & expectations
 - Policy recommendations

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING (IUU)

- **Update on LDAC's consideration of the draft advice on flags of convenience**
 - **Alexandre Rodríguez, Executive Secretary, LDAC**
 - **Sophie Nodzenski, Senior Campaigner, EJF**
 - Written contributions and comments from operators & processing industry
 - Online consultation + focus group meeting + second online consultation
 - Changes integrated in the text by EJF (as coordinators and authors)
 - Integrated of changes by EJF team
 - Draft ready to be put forward to LDAC ExCom for adoption
- **Consideration of LDAC's amendments to the draft advice**
- **Way forward**

INITIAL FOCUS GROUP ON TRADE

➤ Update on the work

- Poul Melgaard Jensen, Focus Group Chair

INFORMATION SYSTEM ON COMMERCIAL DESIGNATIONS

➤ Presentation of new features

- **Christophe Vande Weyer, MARE A4**
 - Existing information system on commercial designations
 - Mobbile app
 - QR Code
 - Implications of potential deployments

➤ Exchange of views

- **Recommendations for the development of the QR code?**
 - Relevance to whom?
 - Format? (e.g. sticker, embedded in labels, etc.)

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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