



WORKING GROUP 2 – MAC ADVICE ON CONTROL REGULATION (2018)

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LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

- **European Commission:**
 - Publication of legislative proposal by DG MARE (May 2018)
- **European Parliament:**
 - Unfinished business carried over to the current parliamentary term
 - Appointment of MEP Clara Aguilera (S&D, ES) as EP PECH Rapporteur (July 2019)
 - New Draft Report (February 2020)
 - Tabling of amendments (May 2020)
 - Vote on draft report (16 November 2020 TBC)
- **Council:**
 - Negotiations ongoing
 - Partial common position expected by end of the year

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- **Article 55 – Recreational Fisheries:**
 - Agreement with the proposal laying down rules with regarding to recreational fisheries
 - Obligation to report catch is essential for greater accuracy on fish stock status
 - Electronic means are recommended
- **Article 56 – Principles for the control of marketing:**
 - Support for the new draft provided it is clear that the reference to the CMO definition on “placing on the market” is clear and unambiguous

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- **Article 56a – Lots:**

- Mixing species in the same lot after placing on the market should be possible, as long as the products are traceable
- Support for improved traceability for all fishing products, including highly processed products
- Concerns regarding the identification of quantities forming lots
- Concerns regarding the “threshold of 30 kg per vessel per day” derogation

- **Article 58 – Traceability:**

- Digitalised recording – Requires more precision. Importance of MS harmonisation. Costs should be eligible for EMFF reimbursement
- Traceability gaps – Need for comparable traceability of imported fishery products, and a level playing field with those originating in the EU and with the EU fisheries sector
- Concern regarding the exemption for small quantities sold directly from fishing vessels to consumers

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- **Article 12 – Catch Certificate - IUU:**
 - Support for full digitalisation of the IUU Catch Certificate
 - Transshipment – Statements from third countries could be supplementary information
- **Small-scale fisheries:**
 - Support for the monitoring of position and movement of small-scale fisheries, together with the introduction of the electronic fishing logbook
- **Entry into force:**
 - Adequate time for operators and competent authorities to adapt practices and procedures