

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

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 26 January 2022 (09:00 – 12:45 CET)

Zoom (Online)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (15.09.21)

09:10 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

09:15 Animal Welfare

- Presentation of revision of EU legislation by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

09:35 Food Waste

- Presentation of initiative on EU-level targets by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

09:55 Food Information to Consumers

- Presentation of public consultation by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

10:15 Product Environmental Footprint Category Rule for Marine Fish Products

- Update on the work of the Focus Group on PEFCR for Marine Fish Products by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

10:25 Sanitary & Hygiene Rules

- Presentation on the maximum sulphite levels for crustaceans by Pierre Commère, ADEPALE
- Exchange of views & way forward

10:35 Break

10:45 Sustainable Food System Framework

- Presentation of the initiative by Commission representative (TBC)
- Presentation of the replies to the Secretariat's questionnaire
- Consideration of draft advice & way forward



12:35 AOB

12:40 Summary of action items

12:45 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	Animal Welfare	Under the F2F Strategy, COM committed to revising the EU legislation on animal welfare and to consider options for animal welfare labelling. Feedback period of the Roadmap was from 6 July 2021 to 24 August 2021. Feedback period of the Public Consultation was from 15 October 2021 to 21 January 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q4 2023. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG SANTE) for better understanding of the initiative by members. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	- Better Regulation page
Decision	Food Waste	In the context of F2F Strategy, COM committed to a proposal of legally binding EU-level targets for food waste reduction. It aims to help limit the food supply chain's impact on the environment and climate and ensure more food is available for human consumption, thereby creating a more sustainable food system. Feedback period of the Roadmap was from 1 October 2021 to 29 October 2021. Feedback period of the Public Consultation is in Q4 2021. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q2 2023. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG SANTE) for better understanding of the initiative by members. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	- Better Regulation page
Decision	Food Information to Consumers	Under F2F Strategy, COM announced a number of actions, including: harmonisation of mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling, setting of "nutrient profiles", consider extension of mandatory origin or provenance, revision of date marketing ("use by" and "best before"). These will be undertaken under a revision of FIC Regulation. Feedback period of the Roadmap was from 23 December 2020 to 4 February 2021. Feedback	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG SANTE) for better understanding of the initiative by members. Decision on way forward (e.g., reply to public consultation, advice on topics of the consultation, none).	- Better Regulation page - MAC Advice

		<p>period of the Public Consultation was from 13 December 2021 to 7 March 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q4 2022. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice on the mentioned initiatives. On February 2021, MAC adopted advice regarding the Roadmap.</p>		
Information	Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules for Marine Fish Products	<p>In 2020, DG ENV launched a policy initiative on a potential legislative proposal on substantiating green claims. Product Environmental Category Rules (PEFCR) are being developed by external experts, including for unprocessed Marine Fish Products, under a Technical Secretariat. The First Open Consultation took place from 2 August to 4 October 2021. A Second Open Public Consultation will take place in February/March 2022. At the 15 September 2021 meeting, WG3 agreed with the establishment of an FG to analyse the draft documents in advance of the Second Open Consultation.</p>	<p>Secretary General, as moderator of the FG, to provide a summary of the work done by the FG, including past meetings and collaboration with COM and Technical Secretariat. Timeline of the future work will also be provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better Regulation page - First Open Consultation - FG Terms of Reference
Decision	Sanitary & Hygiene Rules	<p>Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to produce advice when significant issues are brought to its attention. At the 15 September 2021 meeting, ADEPALE drew attention to the issue of the maximum level sulphite in crustaceans. It was agreed, as an action item, that the topic would be included on the next agenda for a more detailed discussion.</p>	<p>Pierre Commère (ADEPALE) to present about the topic. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, further exchanges of views, none).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADEPALE's Technical Note
Consideration of draft advice	Sustainable Food System Framework	<p>In the context of F2F Strategy, COM announced the adoption of a horizontal framework law to accelerate and facilitate the transition to a sustainable food system. Feedback period to the Roadmap was from 28 September 2021 to 26 October 2021. Feedback Period of the Public Consultation is planned for Q1 2022.</p>	<p>Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG SANTE) for better understanding of the initiative by members. Consideration, paragraph by paragraph, of the draft text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better Regulation page - Draft advice (via email and members' area)

		<p>Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q4 2023. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice. The Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to the members and prepared a first draft proposal based on the replies.</p>	<p>Once agreement is reached among members, including on potential amendments, draft text to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and adoption (via written procedure or ordinary procedure).</p>	
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