



WORKING GROUP 3 – EU CONTROL AND SANITARY ISSUES, CONSUMER RULES

Benoît Thomassen

Chair

Online (Zoom)

Wednesday, 26 January 2022

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 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 Actions points
- 09:15 Animal Welfare
- 09:35 Food Waste
- 09:55 Food Information to Consumers
- 10:15 Product Environmental Footprint Category Rule for Marine Fish Products
- 10:25 Sanitary & Hygiene Rules
- 10:45 Sustainable Food System Framework
- 12:35 AOB
- 12:40 Summary of actions points

12:45 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (15 SEPTEMBER 2021)

Substantiating Green Claims:

- Focus Group to be established to analyse the draft documents in advance of the Second Open Consultation for the Marine Fish PEFCR
- Terms of Reference adopted: 8 November 2021

Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition:

- Wait for the publication of the Commission's legislative proposal, before the potential development of advice on the topic
- Still pending - Planned for second quarter of 2021

Caviar Labelling:

- Wait for potential further developments in the Aquaculture Advisory Council
- No new developments known

ACTION POINTS (15 SEPTEMBER 2021)

EU School Fruit, Vegetables and Milk Scheme:

- **Specific recommendation to be included in the draft advice on health and environmental value of seafood**
 - Advice adopted: 8 October 2021 (recommendation j)
 - Commission's reply: 8 December 2021 ("due note is taken")

Health and Environmental Value of Seafood:

- **Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption through two weeks written procedure**
 - Advice adopted: 8 October 2021
 - Commission's reply: 8 December 2021

Sanitary & Hygiene Rules :

- **Agenda item on the maximum level of sulphite in crustaceans to be included in the draft agenda of the next meeting**
- **Technical note prepared by ADEPALE to be circulated via email**
 - Agenda item scheduled (10:25)
 - Technical note circulated (13 October 2021)

ANIMAL WELFARE

- **Presentation of revision of EU legislation by Commission representative**
 - Kornilia Zafeiropoulou (SANTE.DDG2.G.5)
 - F2F Strategy commitment: revision of EU legislation on animal welfare + consideration of options for animal welfare labelling
 - Roadmap: 6 July 2021 to 24 August 2021
 - Public Consultation: 15 October 2021 – 21 January 2022
 - Legislative Proposal: Q4 2023 (Planned)

- **Exchange of views & way forward**
 - Under WP of Y6, commitment to produce advice
 - Way forward: Drafting of advice? Monitor developments?

FOOD WASTE

➤ Presentation of initiative on EU-level targets by Commission representative

- **Bartosz Zambrzycki (SANTE D1)**
- F2F Strategy commitment: proposal of legally binding EU-level targets for food waste reduction
- Limit the food supply chain's impact on the environment and climate and ensure more food is available for human consumption
- Roadmap: 1 October 2021 – 29 October 2021
- Public Consultation: Q4 2021 (Planned)
- Legislative Proposal: Q2 2023 (Planned)

➤ Exchange of views & way forward

- Under WP of Y6, commitment to produce advice
- Way forward: Drafting of advice? Monitor developments?

FOOD INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS

➤ Presentation of public consultation

- F2F Strategy actions: harmonisation of front-of-pack nutrition labelling, setting “nutrient profiles”, extensions of mandatory origin/provenance, revision of date marking (“use by” and “best before”) – revision of FIC Regulation
- Roadmap: 23 December 2020 – 4 February 2021
- Public Consultation: 13 December 2021 – 7 March 2022
- Legislative Proposal: Q4 2022 (Planned)
- MAC Advice on Roadmap: 23 February 2021

➤ Exchange of views & way forward

- Under WP of Y6, commitment to produce advice on mentioned initiatives
- Way forward: Drafting of advice? Monitor developments?

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**
 - Meetings: 18 November 2021, 3 December 2021, 11 January 2022
 - Next meeting: early February (TBD)
 - Ongoing work: Analysis of draft report of the First Open Public Consultation, exchanges with Technical Secretariat and DG MARE, drafting of advice
 - Training session on Marine Fish PEFCR: February 2022 with DG ENV

SANITARY & HYGIENE RULES

- **Presentation on the maximum sulphite levels for crustaceans by Pierre Commère, ADEPALE**

- **Exchange of views & way forward**
 - Drafting of advice? Further exchanges?

BREAK

➤ See you back at 10.55

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

➤ **Presentation of the initiative by Commission representative**

- **Dora Szentpaly-Kleis & Alexander Rogge (SANTE.DDG2.D.1)**
- F2F Strategy commitment: adoption of horizontal framework law to accelerate and facilitate the transition to a sustainable food system
- Roadmap: 28 September 2021 – 26 October 2021
- Public Consultation: Q1 2022 (Planned)
- Legislative Proposal: Q4 2023 (Planned)

➤ **Presentation of the replies to the Secretariat's questionnaire**

- Replies: Good Fish, MSC, Oceana, ClientEarth, WWF, AIPCE-CEP, EIJ
- Additional feedback: FEAP, Good Fish, EuroCommerce

➤ **Consideration of draft advice & way forward**

- Draft proposal by Secretariat: Circulated on 18 November 2021

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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