

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

Draft Agenda

Monday, 23 May 2022 (10:00 – 13:30 CEST)

Zoom / Martin's Brussels EU Hotel (Hybrid)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

10:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

10:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (29.03.22)

10:10 Action points

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

10:15 Sustainable Food System Framework

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

10:45 Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition

- Presentation of the legislative proposal by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

11:15 Sustainable Corporate Governance

- Presentation of the legislative proposal by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

11:45 Break

12:00 EU Geographical Indications and Quality Schemes

- Presentation of the legislative proposal by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

12:30 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
- Consideration of draft advice & way forward



13:20 AOB

13:25 Summary of action items

13:30 End of meeting

Sandwich Lunch

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	Sustainable Food Systems Framework	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 28 April – 21 July 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q4 2023. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice. On 15 February 2022, MAC adopted advice on the topic.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG MARE) for better understanding of the public consultation by members. Decision on way forward (e.g., response to consultation, individual responses, advice on some of the topics, none).	- Better Regulation page - MAC Advice
Decision	Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition	DG JUST launched a consumer policy initiative to strengthen the role of consumers in the green transition. The initiative will potentially set minimum requirements for sustainability logos and labels. The initiative aims to tackle the proliferation of sustainability logos, labels, trust marks, quality marks, claims, etc. signalling economic, social and environmental virtues, and online information. Under previous advice, MAC recommended the exploration of minimum requirements for voluntary sustainability claims and certification schemes. At September 2021 meeting, members agreed to wait for developments on the initiative. On 30 March 2022, COM adopted a proposal for a directive.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG JUST) for better understanding of the legislative proposal, especially the setting of minimum requirements for sustainability logos and labels. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, none).	- Better Regulation page - MAC Advice (j)
Decision	Sustainable Corporate Governance	DG JUST launched an initiative to improve the EU regulatory framework on company law and corporate governance. It aims to enable companies to focus on long-term sustainable value creation rather than short-term benefits. It also aims to better align the interest of companies, their shareholders,	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG JUST) for better understanding of the legislative proposal.	- Better Regulation page

		managers, stakeholders and society. It would help companies to better manage sustainability-related matters in their own operations and value chains as regards social and human rights, climate change, environment, etc. On 28 March 2022, COM adopted a proposal for a directive.	Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, none).	
Decision	EU Geographical Indications and Quality Schemes	The schemes protect valuable names of food and drinks against copying/fraud and certify that they were made to high standards in a specific country or region. COM is undertaking a revision to strengthen the system, including improving sustainable production under the schemes, improving enforcement, empowering producer groups, reducing internet theft, better tailoring schemes to producers in all EU regions, reviewing ways to promote and protect the EU's traditional foods, and speeding up registration procedures. The legislative proposal for a regulation was adopted on 31 March 2022.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG AGRI) for better understanding of the legislative proposal. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, none).	- Better Regulation page
Consideration of draft advice	Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules for Marine Fish Products	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 was scheduled for February/March 2022, but was delayed. 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. At March 2022 meeting, the Focus Group's proposal of draft advice was presented. It was agreed, as action items, to proceed with draft advice based on the agreed political messages. Following the provision of	Secretary General to provide a summary of the work done by the FG. Consideration of draft advice.	- Better Regulation page - First Open Consultation - FG Terms of Reference

		<p>data by EAPO, additional meeting between the Focus Group and the Technical Secretariat to take place. Following the additional meeting, draft advice on the technical aspects to be prepared.</p>		
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