



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

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Chair

Zoom / Martin's Brussels EU Hotel (Hybrid)

Monday, 23 May 2022

# AGENDA (CEST TIME ZONE)

- 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 Actions points
- 10:15 Sustainable Corporate Governance
- 10:45 Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition
- 11:15 Sustainable Food System Framework
- 11:45 **Break**
- 12:00 EU Geographical Indications and Quality Schemes
- 12:30 PEFCR for Marine Fish Products
- 13:20 AOB
- 13:25 Summary of actions points

**13:30 End of the meeting**

# ACTION POINTS (29 MARCH 2022)

## Sanitary & Hygiene Rules:

- Following the addition of a paragraph about the consumer perspective, draft advice to be circulated for approval through written procedure
  - Pending

## Food Information to Consumers:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption
  - Advice adopted: 30 March 2022

## Animal Welfare:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption
  - Advice adopted: 30 March 2022 | COM Reply: 5 May 2022

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# ACTION POINTS (29 MARCH 2022)

## Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules for Marine Fish Products:

- Draft advice, based on the agreed political messages, to be circulated to the Working Group through written procedure
- Following the provision of data by EAPO, additional meeting between the Focus Group and the Technical Secretariat to take place, in order to discuss practical examples of the PEF method
- Following the additional meeting, draft advice on the technical aspects to be prepared
  - Draft advice on political messages circulated: 10-18 May 2022
  - Additional meeting and draft advice on technical aspects: pending

# SUSTAINABLE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## ➤ Presentation of the legislative proposal

### ▪ Alexandra Kuxova (GROW G2)

- Enable companies to focus on long-term sustainable value creation rather than short-term benefit
- Better alignment of the interests of companies, shareholders, managers, stakeholders, and society
- Better management of sustainability-related matters in their own operations and value chains (social, human rights, climate change, environment, etc.)

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice & way forward

- Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?
- Commitment under Work Programme of Year 6 (Farm to Fork Strategy)

# EMPOWERING THE CONSUMER FOR THE GREEN TRANSITION

## ➤ Presentation of the legislative proposal

### ▪ Jeroen Van Laer (JUST.DDG.E.1)

- Strengthen the role of consumers in the green transition
- Minimum requirements for sustainability logos and labels
- Tackle the proliferation of sustainability logos, labels, trust marks, quality marks, claims, etc.

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice & way forward

- Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?
- Commitment under Work Programme of Year 6: advice on minimum requirements of sustainability logos and labels

# SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

## ➤ Presentation of the public consultation

### ▪ Miguel Lizaso (MARE A4)

- Horizontal framework law to accelerate and facilitate the transition to a sustainable food system
- MAC advice: 15 February 2022
- DG MARE reply: 11 April 2022

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice & way forward

- Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?
- Commitment under Work Programme of Year 6 (Farm to Fork Strategy)

# EU GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND QUALITY SCHEMES

## ➤ Presentation of the legislative proposal

### ▪ Nicole Thissen (AGRI F3)

- 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 food, and speeding up registration procedures

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice & way forward

- Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?



# PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULES FOR MARINE FISH PRODUCTS

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

- Technical Secretariat
  - Availability to hold extra meeting and to provide examples
  - (Informal) Latest version of PEFCR + Data Collection Table
  
- EAPO
  - To provide data

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice & way forward

- WG3 Written Procedure: 10 – 18 May 2022
  - Comments from MSC

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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