

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

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 20 September 2022 (09:00 – 12:30 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

08:00 *Welcome breakfast*

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (23.05.22)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

- Update on the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Conference (15-26 August 2022)
- Exchange of views & way forward

09:45 Product Environmental Footprint Category Rule (PEFCR) for Marine Fish Products

- Presentation of ecolabel "Pescaenverde" by Amaya Ordoñez Iglesias, Consultant, inxenia
- Exchange of views about future work of the Focus Group on PEFCR for Marine Fish Products
- Way forward

11:00 *Break*

11:15 Sustainable Food System Framework

- Exchange of views about recent developments of the initiative
- Way forward

11:50 Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition

- Exchange of views about recent developments of the initiative
- Way forward

12:20 AOB

12:25 Summary of action items

12:30 *End of meeting*

Buffet Lunch



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	BBNJ	UN committed to developing an internationally legally binding instrument on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). The Sustainable Seafood Coalition and the Global Tuna Alliance signed a joint position on the topic. ClientEarth presented the joint position at the 7 July ExCom meeting. It was agreed, as an action item, that an agenda item would be scheduled in WG3.	Update on latest session of the Intergovernmental Conference. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Statement - Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ
Information	PEFCR	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. WG3 established a FG to analyse the draft documents in advance of the Second Open Public Consultation. At March 2022 meeting, the FG's proposal of advice was presented. WG3 agreed to proceed with advice on the political messages. Following the provision of data by EAPO, additional meeting between FG and the Technical Secretariat to take place. After the meeting, draft advice on the technical aspects to be prepared. The University of Santiago de Compostela, in collaboration with the consultancy firm Inxenia, launched an ecolabel based on the PEF method.	Presentation of "Pescaenverde" ecolabel as example of ecolabel using PEF method. Exchange of views about the future work of the Focus Group on PEFCR for Marine Fish Products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pescaenverde - Better Regulation page - First Open Consultation - FG Terms of Reference - Advice (Political) - COM Reply
Information	Sustainable Food Systems Framework	In the context of F2F Strategy, COM announced the adoption of a horizontal framework law to accelerate and facilitate the	Exchange of views about recent developments on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better Regulation page - MAC Advice

		<p>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 was 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. Following a questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat, inspired by the public consultation, a written consultation to adopt a new piece of draft advice took place from 19 July to 3 August 2022.</p>	<p>the initiative, including potential future actions.</p>	
Information	Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition	<p>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. Following a questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat, a written consultation to adopt draft advice took place from 27 July to 11 August 2022.</p>	<p>Exchange of views about recent developments on the initiative, including potential future actions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better Regulation page - MAC Advice (j)