



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

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# AGENDA (CEST TIME ZONE)

- 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 Actions points
- 09:15 Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- 09:45 Product Environmental Footprint Category Rule for Marine Fish Products
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 Sustainable Food System Framework
- 12:00 Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition
- 12:20 AOB
- 12:25 Summary of actions points

12:30 End of the meeting

# ACTION POINTS (23 MAY 2022)

## Sustainable Corporate Governance:

- Monitoring legislative developments
  - Ongoing

## Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition:

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members concerning the Commission's legislative proposal, in order to prepare future advice to the Member States
- Secretariat to prepare background document outlining ongoing Commission initiatives affecting the fisheries and aquaculture sector
  - Questionnaire on consumer initiative circulated: 5 – 13 July 2022
  - Background paper prepared and presented to ExCom: 7 July 2022

# ACTION POINTS (23 MAY 2022)

## **Sustainable Food System Framework:**

- Secretariat to circulate the Commission's public consultation to the members, encouraging the submission of individual responses
- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire, based on the Commission's public consultation, to the members, in order to prepare future advice
  - Circulation of the public consultation: 20 June 2022
  - Circulation of questionnaire: 20 June – 5 July 2022
  - Consideration by WG3: Ongoing

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

- Draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for approval
  - Advice adopted: 24 May 2022
  - COM's reply: 21 June 2022

# BIODIVERSITY IN AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (BBNJ)

- **Update on the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Conference (15-26 August 2022)**
  - **Jacopo Pasquero (EBCD)**
    - UN committed to develop internationally legally binding instrument
    - 7 July 2022 ExCom meeting: Presentation by ClientEarth of Sustainable Seafood Coalition and the Global Tuna Alliance's joint position paper
  
- **Consideration of draft advice & way forward**
  - Drafting of advice? Monitoring of developments? None?
  - (Topic mainly relevant for LDAC)

# PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULE (PEFCR) FOR MARINE FISH PRODUCTS

## ➤ Presentation of ecolabel “Pescaenverde”

### ▪ Amaya Ordoñez Iglesias (inxenia)

- Launch of an ecolabel by the University of Santiago de Compostela, in collaboration with the consultancy firm inxenia, based on the PEF method

## ➤ Exchange of views about future work of the Focus Group on PEFCR for Marine Fish Products

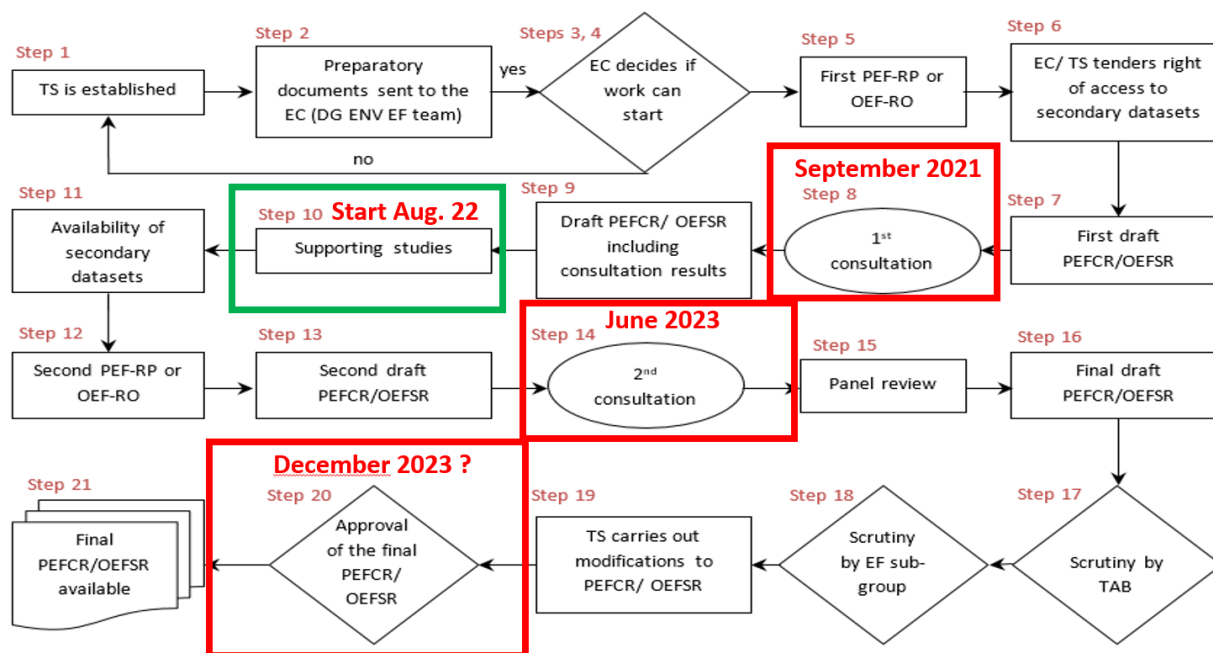
- Action point (March 2022): Following the provision of data by EAPO, additional meeting between FG and the Technical Secretariat to take place. After the meeting, draft advice on the technical aspects to be prepared. – *Data pending*
- Technical Secretariat: Supporting studies with companies are ongoing
- Second public consultation: Unlikely before June 2023
- COM’s approval: Potentially in December 2023

# PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULE (PEFCR) FOR MARINE FISH PRODUCTS

## ➤ Way forward

- Provision of data by EAPO? New meeting with Technical Secretariat? Continuation of the work of the Focus Group? Advance with the draft advice on technical aspects? Wait for new developments? Suspend the Focus Group?

## The process



# SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

## ➤ Exchange of views about recent developments of the initiative

- COM's survey for business operators + for NGOs: 25 August – 26 September 2022

## ▪ Developments in MAC:

- Secretariat's questionnaire: 20 June – 5 July 2022
- First written consultation: 19 July – 3 August 2022
- Second (urgent) written consultation: 1 – 9 September 2022
- Third version of the draft: 14 September 2022

## ➤ Way forward



# EMPOWERING THE CONSUMER FOR THE GREEN TRANSITION

## ➤ Exchange of views about recent developments of the initiative

- Council's first reading: concluded
- Council's Working Party: Four meetings (April – May) under FR Presidency, continued discussion under CZ Presidency (July + upcoming months)
- EP Rapporteur: MEP Biljana Borzan (S&D, HR – IMCO)
- EP Plenary vote on report: early 2023
- Trilogues: 2023
- Developments in MAC:
  - Secretariat's questionnaire: 5 – 13 July 2022
  - First written consultation: 27 July – 11 August 2022
  - Second (urgent) written consultation: 31 August – 8 September 2022
  - Third version of the draft: 14 September 2022

## ➤ Way forward

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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