

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

Draft Agenda

Friday, 27 January 2023 (09:00 – 12:30 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

08:30 *Welcome breakfast*

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (20.09.22)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 Animal Welfare

- Update on revision of EU legislation by Denis Simonin (SANTE G3)
- Exchange of views & way forward

09:45 Food Security

- Presentation about launch of study on “mapping the risks and vulnerabilities in the EU food supply chain” by Daniele Bertolozzi, Ecorys
- Exchange of views

10:30 Sustainable Food System Framework

- Exchange of views among members about latest developments
- Way forward

11:00 *Break*

11:15 Food Contact Materials

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

11:45 Strategic Guidelines for Sustainable and Competitive EU Aquaculture

- Exchange of views about EU-wide campaign with Lana Bezinović Šostar (MARE A2)
- Way forward

12:20 AOB



12:25 Summary of action items

12:30 End of meeting

Buffet Lunch

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Animal welfare	Under the Farm to Fork Strategy, COM committed to revising the EU legislation on animal welfare and to consider options for animal welfare labelling. Feedback period of the Roadmap was from 6 July 2021 to 24 August 2021. Feedback period of the Public Consultation was from 15 October 2021 to 21 January 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q3 2023. The MAC adopted advice on 30 March 2022.	Exchange with COM representative about current reflections on a possible animal welfare, as additional materials were collected in the context of the Animal Welfare Platform. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Page - MAC Advice
Information	Food Security	On 23 March 2023, COM published a communication on safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems. JRC has hired a contractor, Ecorys, to carry out a study on mapping and assessing risks and vulnerabilities in the EU food supply chain, and with the ultimate purpose of informing policymaking and support future studies.	Presentation of the project by contractor and exchange of views about risks in the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Letter - COM Communication - MAC Advice
Information + 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 was 28 April – 21 July 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal is planned for Q4 2023. On 15 February 2022, MAC adopted advice on the topic. On 13 December 2022, a new piece of advice inspired by the public consultation was adopted. At	Taking into account the different policy options and pull measures, roundtable discussion among members to better inform future advice. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Page - MAC Advice - MAC Advice - Inter-AC Presentation

		the 17 November 2022 Inter-AC meeting, COM presented new developments on the initiative.		
Information + Decision	Food Contact Materials	Under the Farm to Fork Strategy, COM committed to revise the Food Contact Materials legislation, to improve food safety and public health (in particular in reducing the use of hazardous chemicals), support the use of innovative and sustainable packaging solutions using environmentally-friendly, reusable, and recyclable materials, and contribute to food waste reduction. The initiative also aims to support the Circular Economic Action Plan and contribute to the ambitions of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. The feedback period on the Roadmap was from 18 December 2020 to 29 January 2021. A Public Consultation took place from 5 October 2022 to 11 January 2023. On 17 February 2021, the MAC adopted advice based on the Roadmap.	Presentation and exchange of views with COM representative on latest developments, particularly the public consultation.	- Information Page - MAC Advice
Information + Decision	Aquaculture Guidelines	On 17 May 2021, in the context of the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy, COM adopted new strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture. The guidelines aim to help the sector become more competitive and resilient, and to improve its environmental and climate performance. Under the guidelines, COM committed to develop tools for a coordinated EU-wide campaign on EU aquaculture to be used at national and regional level, with the support of the Member States and the Aquaculture Advisory Council.	Presentation and exchange of views with COM representative on the development of the EU-wide campaign. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, coordination with AAC, monitoring of developments, none).	- Strategic Guidelines