

Improving the labelling legislation of vegetarian and vegan imitations

A short review of plant-base fisheries and aquaculture products alternatives in Spain, Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden, Belgium and Hungary



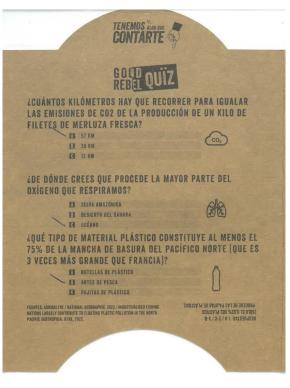
Main findings

- Main findings were discovered in different countries of the European Union.
- Vegan companies use trademarks/commercial designations related to fishing and aquaculture sector, or the names of species, written as literally as morphologically modified.
- Number of references available in the market has increased, and it's expected to growth in the near future.
- Labelling claims and pictorial that refers to the sea or fish.
- Also, messages that can be perceived as particularly detrimental to the image of the fishing sector.
- These cases of unclear labelling practices could confuse consumers.

Spain

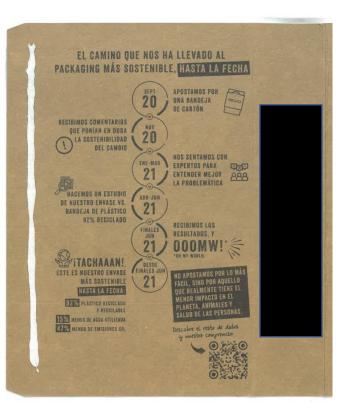








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Spain





-Fancy name: use of the commercial designation "merluza" (hake), through the morphological modification "v" instead of "u".

-Employ of the word "peixe" (portuguese/galician), similar to "peix" (catalán), "fish", through the morphological modification "'" instead of "i".

Claim pointing the presence of Omega 3 fatty acid, added, the most known nutritional attribute of the fish, to gain the consumers attention

Employ of pictorials related to fish or sea.

The word "alternative" is crossed-out, claiming "Fish successors" instead of "Fish alternative".

Spain





Cardboard sleeve of plant-based product sold in Spain, which includes a "quiz" with declarations that could be perceived as negatively impacting image of the fishing sector. In English, it reads:

How many kilometers do you have to travel to equalize the CO2 emissions from the production of one kg of fresh hake fillets?

- 57 km
- 38 km
- 12 km
- Where do you think most of the oxygen we breathe comes from?
 - Amazon jungle
 - Sahara desert
 - Ocean
- What kind of plastic material makes up at least 75% of the North Pacific garbage patch) which is 3 times more than France?
 - Plastic bottles
 - Fishing arts
 - Plastic straws



/ PESO LÍQUIDO:

FILETES MERLVZA VEGETALES HEURA®

extra 2.6%. Envasado en atmósfera protectora.

FILETES PE'XE VEGETAIS HEURA®

Embalado em atmosfera protetora.

Colocar en una superficie

/Colocar en uma superficie meio do tempo de cozedura.

Mantener a 4°C. No recongelar. No consumir en

consumir imediatamente. Produto descongelado.



atr principal para creinar juntos un mundo mejor

de una dieta equilibrada y SARTÉN/ FRIGIDEIRA:3-4min. un estilo de vida

Calentar una cucharada de aceite del tiemon /Anuecer uma colher di

durante 3-4 minutos, virando a meio

DECLARAÇÃO NUTRICIONAL Valores Medios / Valores Médios por 100 g 100 g 100 g Producto vegetal estilo filete de pescado rebozado a base de proteína de soja con aceite de oliva virgen de las cuales saturadas / dos quais saturados de las cuales mono-insaturadas / dos quais monoinsaturados de las cuales poly-insaturadas***/ dos quais polinsaturados* crudo. Cocinar antes de consumir. Una vez abierto Hidratos de carbono / Hidratos de carbono de los cuales azúcares / dos quais açúcares consumir inmediatamente. Producto descongelado Produto vegetal estilo filete de peixe panado à base de proteina de soia com azeite virgem extra 2.6%. /Itamina B12 / Vitamina B12 Conservar a 4°C. Não reconnelar. Não consumir em crudo. Cozinhar antes de consumir. Uma vez aberto, Ingesta de Referencia de un adulto medio (8400 kJ/2000 kcal) "Dose de referência para um adulto médio (8400 kJ/2000 kcal) **Valor de Referencia de Nutrientes / **Valor de Referência do Nutriente

Main claims (from the left to the right):

conxemar

Helps strengthen your immune system: source of Vitamin D, Iodine and Selenium+

Market Advisory Council

- 92% recycled plastic base tray
- Taking care of the planet never tasted better
- The new generation of vegetable protein
- This is one of our most innovative recipes. Inspired by the authentic flavour of the sea, we have achieved a juicy texture and an artisan batter. Adding variety to your main dish to **cook** together for a better world.

Netherlands





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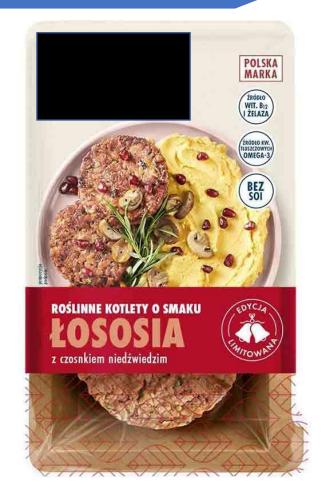




Employ of pictorials related to fish.
Claim pointing presence of Omega 3 fatty acid.

Employ of the commercial designation "zalm" (salmon).

Poland







Poland





Claim pointing presence of Omega 3 fatty acid.

Employ of the commercial designation "Łososia" (salmon).

Poland



Employ of the unprotected designation "fish"



Germany











Germany





Fancy name: employ of the commercial designation "lachs" (salmon), through the morphological modification "x" instead of "chs".



Employ of the unprotected designation "fish"

Germany



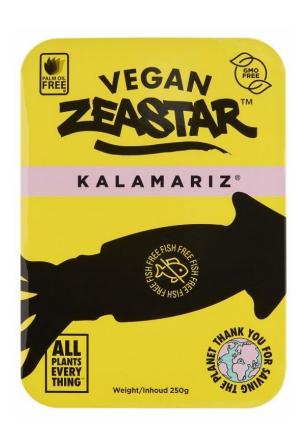


Employ of the unprotected designation "fish" through the morphological modification "v" instead of "f"

Pictorial of a crossed-out fish

Czech Republic





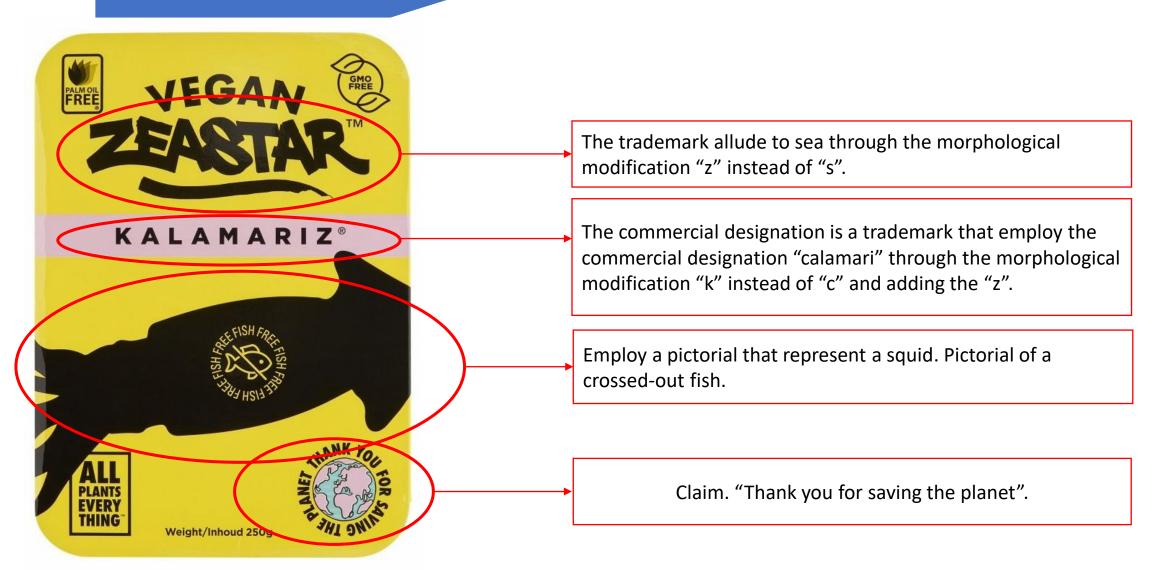






Czech Republic





Czech Republic





Employ of the unprotected designation "fish", through a morphological modification, adding "no" before "fish".

Claims: "No fish, no bones no problems"; "Respect for life"

The serving suggestion includes the shell of a bivalve.

Finland





Utilisation of the commercial designation "finger". Use reference to the unprotected designation fish: What is the fish flavour?

Use of a pictorial of a strong arm.

Sweden





Employ of the unprotected designation "fish" and the commercial designation "finger" (pinnar=finger)

Belgium









Belgium





Employ of the commercial designation "stick", including an allusion to the sea.

Nutriscore A.

Belgium





The trademark includes the word "fish". The brand image is a pea pod imitating a fish.

Employ of a commercial designation that includes the word "fish, with a morphological modification adding "ly" after "fish".

Hungary







Hungary







The brand is a reference to the fishing sector, and the brand image represents a fish.

The trademark is the fusion of the words "Plant" and "Tuna".

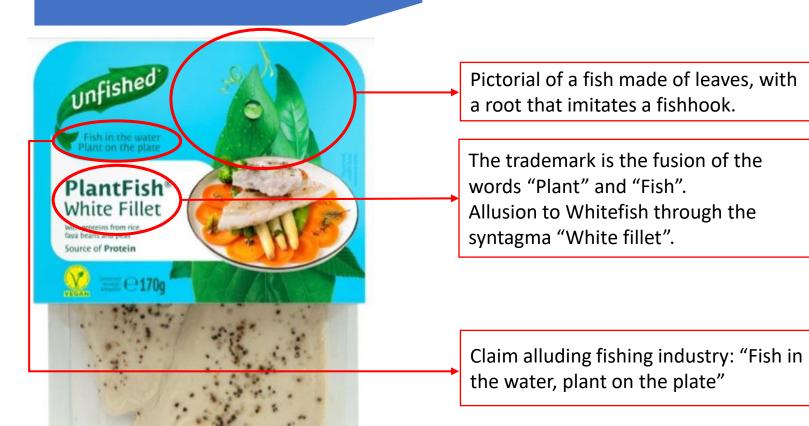
United Kingdom





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Links to products

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 - Example.
- Netherlands
 - Example.
- Poland
 - Example 1. Example 2.
- Germany
 - Example 1. Example 2. Example 3 and 4.
- Czech Republic
 - Example 1, 2, 3 and 4. Example 5.
- Finland
 - Example.
- Sweden
 - Example.
- Belgium
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- Hungary
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- United Kingdom.
 - Example 1.

