



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

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# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen
- 09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.03.23)
- 09:10 Actions points
- 09:15 Substantiating Green Claims
- 09:40 Hygiene and Sanitary Issues (Inorganic Arsenic)
- 10:00 Hygiene and Sanitary Issues (Stiffening)
- 10:15 Online Sales to Consumers
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 EU Algae Initiative
- 11:45 Cell-Based Protein
- 12:20 AOB
- 12:25 Summary of actions points
- 12:30 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2023)

## **Towards a Strong and Sustainable EU Algae Sector:**

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on measures to increase social awareness and market acceptance of algae and algae-based products
- Secretariat to contact the Secretariat of the Aquaculture Advisory Council about their work on the topic and potential collaboration
  - Questionnaire circulated: 9-18 May 2023
  - AAC does not have advice on the topic, but is exchanging with EU4Algae Consortium

## **Plant-based Imitations of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products:**

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval
  - Advice adopted: 8 May 2023

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2023)

## Cultured Seafood (“Lab-Grown” / “Cell-Based”):

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on their views
- Questionnaire circulated: 8-17 May 2023

## Sustainable Food System Framework:

- Monitoring legislative developments, particularly the Commission’s impact assessment
- Ongoing

## Vice-Chair:

- Approval of Paulien Prent (AIPCE-CEP) as Vice-Chair of WG3 to be suggested to the Executive Committee
- Approved by Executive Committee on 30 March 2023

# SUBSTANTIATING GREEN CLAIMS

- **Presentation of proposal for a directive on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims**
  - **Eva Funcken (ENV)**
  - Adoption of legislative proposal: 22 March 2023
  - Aim: Common criteria against greenwashing and misleading environmental claims
- **Exchange of views**
- **Way forward**

# HYGIENE AND SANITARY MATTERS (INORGANIC ARSENIC)

➤ Exchange of views about upcoming legislation on the maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in certain foodstuffs

▪ Veerle Vanheusden (SANTE E2)

➤ Way forward

# HYGIENE AND SANITARY MATTERS (STIFFENING)

- Presentation on ongoing update to food hygiene rules for products of animal origin, specifically stiffening of smoked fillets
  - Tomasz Pyjor, PSPR
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

# ONLINE SALES TO CONSUMERS

- **Presentation of the initiative “La Pescaderia Artesanal”**
  - **María Luisa Álvarez Blanco (FEDEPESCA)**

- **Way forward**



BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:00**

# EU ALGAE INITIATIVE

## ➤ Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire

- Questionnaire circulated: 9 – 18 May 2023
- Replies from: Conxemar, MSC, ADEPALE, European Fishmeal, FEAP

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice

- Draft advice circulated: 26 May 2023

## ➤ Way forward

# CELL-BASED PROTEIN OF AQUATIC ANIMALS

## ➤ Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire

- Questionnaire circulated: 8 – 17 May 2023
- Replies from: ALIF, FEDEPESCA, Conxemar, FEAP, MSC, ADEPALE, OPP Burela, European Fishmeal

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice

- Draft advice circulated: 26 May 2023

## ➤ Way forward

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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