

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

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 (09:00 – 12:30 CET)

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room A), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (08.06.23)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 "Taste the Ocean" Campaign

- Presentation of the launch of the third season by Commission representative
- Exchange of views

09:45 Cell-Based Protein of Aquatic Animals

- Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire
- Consideration of draft advice
- Way forward

10:45 *Break*

11:00 Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims

- Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire
- Consideration of draft advice
- Way forward

12:00 Hygiene and Sanitary Issues

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

12:20 AOB

12:25 Summary of action items

12:30 End of meeting



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Taste the Ocean	In 2021, the European Commission launched the “Taste the Ocean” campaign to promote sustainable fish and seafood consumption, based on seasonality and local availability, in line with the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy, on social media with celebrity chefs. The third season of the campaign will be launched on 18 September.	Presentation of the third season of the campaign by COM representative.	- Campaign Page
Consideration	Cell-Based Protein	On 22 December 2022, Horizon Europe launched a call for a project on cultured meat and cultured seafood. At the 30 March 2023 meeting, an introductory presentation about cell-based protein was delivered. It was agreed, as an action item, that a questionnaire would be circulated to the members to gather their views, which could potentially serve as a basis for a draft advice.	Presentation of the results of the Secretariat’s questionnaire. Consideration of draft advice.	- HORIZON project call - Presentation - Draft Advice (via email / Members Area)
Consideration	Green Claims	Following a Roadmap and a public consultation, on 22 March 2023, the Commission adopted a legislative proposal for a directive on “substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims”. The aim of the legislative proposal is to propose common criteria against greenwashing and misleading environmental claims. Before companies communicated communicate on the covered types of claims, these will need to be independently verified and proven with scientific evidence. On 10 December 2020, the MAC adopted advice inspired by the public consultation. On 24 May 2022, the MAC adopted advice on Product Environmental Category Rules (PEFCR) for Marine Fish for Human Consumption. At the 8 June 2023 meeting, COM representatives presented the legislative proposal. It was agreed, as an action item, that	Consideration of draft advice.	- MAC Advice (2020) - MAC Advice (2022) - COM Press Release - Legislative Proposal - Presentation - Draft Advice (via email / Members Area)

		previous advice would be compared with the legislative proposal and that input would potentially be gathered for new advice.		
Information + Decision	Hygiene and Sanitary Issues (Stiffening)	Regulation 853/2004 lay down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin. On 27 April 2023, COM published a draft delegated act amending these rules, which includes amendments on the stiffening of fishery products. At the 8 June 2023, PSPR delivered a presentation on the mentioned legislative developments. It was agreed, as an action item, that the Working Group would wait for a reply from the Commission to a letter previously sent by AIPCE-CEP.	Update by PSPR representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring developments, none).	- Draft Delegated Act - Presentation

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