



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

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Wednesday, 20 September 2023

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 (08.06.23)
- 09:10 Actions points
- 09:15 "Taste the Ocean" Campaign
- 09:45 Cell-Based Protein of Aquatic Animals
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims
- 12:00 Hygiene and Sanitary Issues
- 12:20 AOB
- 12:25 Summary of actions points
- 12:30 End of the meeting*

ACTION POINTS (8 JUNE 2023)

Substantiating Green Claims:

- Ahead of the next meeting, Chair and Secretariat to compare previous advice with the Commission's legislative proposal and to potentially prepare a questionnaire to gather input for new advice
 - Questionnaire circulated: 30 August – 8 September 2023
 - Draft advice circulated ahead of the meeting

Hygiene and Sanitary Issues (Inorganic Arsenic):

- Continue monitoring developments, while waiting for the collection and submission of data by the relevant professional organisations to DG SANTE
 - Ongoing

ACTION POINTS (8 JUNE 2023)

Hygiene and Sanitary Issues (Stiffening):

- Wait for a reply from the Commissions to the letter of AIPCE-CEP
- Update scheduled under the draft agenda

EU Algae Initiative:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval
- Approved by Executive Committee on 9 June 2023
- Reply from DG MARE on 11 July 2023

Cell-Based Protein of Aquatic Animals:

- Agenda item to be rescheduled to the next meeting
- Rescheduled to the present meeting

“TASTE THE OCEAN” CAMPAIGN

➤ Presentation of the launch of the third season

▪ Commission representative (MARE E2)

▪ Launch of the campaign: 18 September 2023

- Promotion of sustainable fish and seafood consumption, based on seasonality and local availability
- Recipe videos involving celebrity chefs from 9 countries
- Fish that will be used in the recipes for this season:
 - Carp (Hungary)
 - Rainbow trout (Slovakia, Luxembourg, Poland)
 - Herring (Latvia)
 - Plaice (Germany)
 - Gilthead Seabream (Slovenia)
 - Red mullet (Malta)
 - Brook trout (Austria)



➤ Exchange of views

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
- Preliminary feedback: ADEPALE

➤ Consideration of draft advice

- Draft advice circulated: 26 May 2023

➤ Way forward

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:15**

SUBSTANTIATION AND COMMUNICATION OF EXPLICIT ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIMS

➤ Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire

- Questionnaire circulated: 30 August – 8 September 2023
- Replies from: European Fishmeal, Oceana, ADEPALE, FEAP, EuroCommerce, MSC, Conxemar

➤ Consideration of draft advice

- Draft advice circulated: 13 September 2023

➤ Way forward

HYGIENE AND SANITARY MATTERS (STIFFENING)

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

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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