

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

### Draft Agenda

Thursday, 30 November 2023 (09:30 – 13:00 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

**09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen**

**09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (20.09.23)**

**09:40 Action points**

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

**09:45 Food Waste**

- Presentation of the proposal for a directive on EU-level targets for the reduction of food waste by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**10:30 Sustainable Food System Framework**

- Presentation of the Chief Scientific Advisory's scientific opinion "Towards Sustainable Food Consumption" by Prof. Eric Lambin, Group of Chief Scientific Advisors
- Exchange of views

**11:15 Break**

**11:30 Labelling requirements under the Common Market Organisation (CMO): implementation and compliance**

- Short presentation of the results of a Member States survey by Commission representatives (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

**12:00 Consumer Information**

- Presentation of proposal of joint work on the implementation of consumer information rules by Member States at the HORECA level by Cécile Fouquet, Aquaculture Advisory Council
- Way forward

**12:15 Awareness Campaigns**

- Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire on potential campaigns for awareness about fishery and aquaculture products in the EU



- Consideration of draft advice
- Way forward

**12:50** AOB

**12:55** Summary of action items

**13:00** End of meeting

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## Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Food Waste	In the context of the Farm to Fork Strategy, the Commission committed to proposal of legally binding EU-level targets for food waste reduction. On 30 March 2022, the MAC adopted advice about the topic. In July 2023, the Commission published the proposal for a directive. Under the proposal, Member States must reduce food waste, by the end of 2030, by 10% in processing and manufacturing, and by 30% (per capita) jointly at retail and consumption (restaurants, food services and households).	Presentation of the legislative proposal by COM representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Information Page</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Press Release</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">MAC Advice</a></li> </ul>
Information	Sustainable Food System 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. Adoption of the legislative proposal was 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. In June 2023, the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors published a scientific opinion “Towards Sustainable Food Consumption” with a set of recommendations for a mix of policy interventions.	Presentation of the scientific opinion by a member of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">MAC Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">MAC Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Scientific Opinion</a></li> </ul>
Information	Common Market Organisation	Under Article 48 of the CMO Regulation, the Commission must provide a report on the results. On 30 March 2022, the MAC adopted advice on the matter. The report on the implementation of the CMO Regulation was published on 21 February 2023 and was presented at the 30 March 2023 Executive Committee meeting. DG MARE launched survey with Member States on the implementation and compliance with labelling requirements under the CMO Regulation.	Presentation by DG MARE representatives of survey on the implementation and compliance with labelling requirements under the CMO Regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">COM Report</a></li> </ul>

Information + Decision	Consumer Information	In March 2021, the Aquaculture Advisory Council adopted a recommendation on consumer information, which urges the Commission to reinforce adequate and reliable consumer information in the HORECA sector. At their 24-25 October 2023 Working Group 3 meeting, the Aquaculture Advisory Council decided to follow-up on their recommendation with the Member States, potentially in collaboration with the MAC.	Presentation of the work of the Aquaculture Advisory Council by their Secretary General. Decision on way forward (e.g., collaboration in new recommendation)	- <a href="#">AAC Recommendation</a>
Consideration	Awareness Campaigns	At the 20 September 2023 meeting, DG MARE representatives delivered a presentation on the launch of the third season of the “Taste the Ocean” campaign. It was agreed, as an action point, that the Secretariat would circulate a questionnaire to the members on existing awareness campaigns at the national level as well as to collection suggestions for other potential EU-level campaigns. The questionnaire was circulated from 27 October to 6 November 2023.	Consideration of draft advice on “Taste the Ocean” campaign and other potential campaigns for awareness about fishery and aquaculture products in the EU.	- <a href="#">Taste the Ocean</a> - Compilation of Replies - Draft Advice (via email / Members Area)