



# WORKING GROUP 2 – EU MARKET

Pierre Commère

Chair

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

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère
- 14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (29.11.23)
- 14:40 Actions points
- 14:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- 15:45 Risks and Vulnerabilities in the EU Food Supply Chain
- 16:30 *Break*
- 16:45 IUU Regulation (Catch Documentation Scheme)
- 17:15 European Year of Skills
- 17:50 AOB
- 17:55 Summary of actions points
- 18:00 End of the meeting

# ACTION POINTS (29 NOVEMBER 2023)

## Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments:

- Exchange of views with Commission representatives about trade developments to be scheduled for the January 2024 meeting
- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on the ongoing negotiations of the EU-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, which will serve as a basis for the drafting of advice on the topic
  - Exchange of views scheduled (14:45)
  - Questionnaire circulated: 19 December 2023 – 10 January 2024
  - Draft advice circulated: 18 January 2024

# ACTION POINTS (29 NOVEMBER 2023)

## IUU Regulation (Catch Documentation Scheme):

- Exchange of views with Commission representatives about the practical implications of the implementation of the new catch documentation scheme to be scheduled for the January 2024 meeting
- Secretariat to send email to the members to collect input ahead of the exchange
  - Exchange of views scheduled (16:45)
  - Request for input circulated: 9 – 12 January 2024 & 18 – 25 January 2024

# TRADE AGREEMENTS & TRADE POLICY INSTRUMENTS

## ➤ Update on latest trade developments

### ▪ Pawel Szatkowski & Kinga Malinowska-Facci (MARE B3)

- ASEAN (Thailand)
- European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland)
- General Scheme of Preferences
- Mercosur
- Morocco
- Implementation and Enforcement Report

## ➤ Exchange of views

## ➤ Consideration of draft advice on the negotiation of the EU-Thailand Free Trade Agreement

- Replies to questionnaire: Europêche, EJF, ANFACO-CECOPECA, ADEPALE
- Preliminary feedback: ANCIT

## ➤ Way forward

# RISKS AND VULNERABILITIES IN THE EU FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

## ➤ Presentation of study

- **Daniele Bertolozzi Caredio (Ecorys)**
  - Mapping and analysis based on a stakeholder survey
  - Published on 21 November 2023

## ➤ Exchange of views



BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 16:45**

# IUU REGULATION (CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME)

## ➤ Exchange of views on modifications in the context of the agreement on the legislative revision of the fisheries control system

### ▪ Desiree Kjolsen (MARE B4)

- CATCH: EU-wide real-time IT system for the management of EU scheme
- Compulsory use for EU importers from 10 January 2026
- Voluntary for third countries' exporters & authorities, but recommended
- EU importers can use CATCH before entry into force
- Part of web-based digital environment of TRACES NT
- Training to Member States' authorities + online help material + CATCH documentation web page + regional & bilateral trainings for third countries + functional mailbox
- Possibility of interoperability with third countries' systems

## ➤ Way forward



# EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS

## ➤ Presentation of the EU Talent Pool and other new measures on skills and talent to help address labour shortages

- **Commission representative (DG EMPL) (TBC)**
  - EU Talent Pool: Facilitation of recruitment of jobseekers from non-EU countries in EU-wide shortage occupations
  - Talent Partnerships: Tailor-made partnerships with non-EU countries, providing mobility for work or training
  - Easier and faster recognition of qualifications gained in third countries
  - New 2030 goals for increasing the share of mobility experience

## ➤ Exchange of views

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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