

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

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 2 April 2024 (14:00 – 17:30 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.01.24)

14:10 Action points

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

14:15 Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims

- Presentation of the European Parliament's position by MEP Cyrus Engerer, ENVI Rapporteur (European Parliament)
- Exchange of views

14:45 Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for Marine Fish Products

- Update on the latest work of the Technical Secretariat by Gerd Heinen (MARE A4) (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

15:15 Break

15:30 Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture

- Update on the development of the EU-wide campaign by Charlotte Gugenheim (MARE A2)
- Exchange of views

16:00 Food Contact Materials

- Presentation of the legislative proposal to restrict bisphenol A and other bisphenols in food contact materials by Commission representative (SANTE E2) (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

16:45 FIP Blues

- Presentation on the fishing improvement project for the Swordfish and Blue Shark fisheries by Juana Maria Parada Guinaldo (OR.PA.GU.)
- Exchange of views

17:20 AOB



17:25 Summary of action items

17:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	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 on the covered types of claims, these will need to be independently verified and proven with scientific evidence. On 30 November 2023, the MAC adopted advice on the legislative proposal.	Exchange of views with the European Parliament’s ENVI Rapporteur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Advice (2020) - MAC Advice (2022) - Legislative Proposal - Legislative Observatory
Information + Decision	Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules	Following a request from the European Commission, Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules are being developed (both for wild catch and farmed) by external experts under a “Technical Secretariat”, including for unprocessed marine fish products. A First Open Consultation took place from 2 August to 4 October 2021. The MAC established a Focus Group on the topic and adopted advice on 24 May 2022. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to providing advice on the topic again.	Update on latest work of the Technical Secretariat, including expected launch of the Second Open Consultation by DG MARE representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., reestablishment of the Focus Group, monitoring developments).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Advice - Technical Secretariat - Focus Group
Information	Aquaculture Guidelines	On 17 May 2021, the European Commission adopted new strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture. Under the guidelines, the Commission committed to developed tools for a coordinated EU-wide campaign on EU aquaculture to be used at national and regional level, with the support of the Member States and the Aquaculture Advisory Council. At the 27 January 2023	Update on the development of the EU-wide campaign by DG MARE representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Guidelines

		meeting, a DG MARE representative delivered a presentation on the development of the campaign. The Chair proposed, as way forward, to monitor developments.		
Information + Decision	Food Materials Contact	Following the publication an opinion of the European Food Safety Authority, which indicated a concern for human health, on 9 February 2024, the European Commission published a legislative proposal to ban the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols in food contact materials. In the past, the MAC adopted advice on the Commission's roadmap for a revision of rules on food contact materials.	Presentation of the legislative by Commission representative. Decision on way forward (e.g. drafting advice, monitoring developments, none).	- Information Page - MAC Advice
Information	FIP Blues	FIP Blues is a Fishing Improvement Project for the Swordfish and Blue Shark Fisheries promoted by four Producer Organisations and 14 companies, which constitute the National Association of Commercialising Companies and Processors of Highly Migratory Species.	Presentation of the project by OR.PA.GU. representative.	- Project