

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 (14:30 – 18:00 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (02.04.24)

14:40 Action points

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

14:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (MARE B3), including:
 - Autonomous Tariff Quotas (sustainability element)
 - Morocco (court cases on SFPAs, preferential tariff agreement)
 - Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand)
 - World Trade Organisation (Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

15:15 Fisheries Control Regulation

- Exchange of views on new rules of lot composition and traceability of fishery and aquaculture products with Anne Gautrais-Le Goff (MARE D4)
- Way forward

15:45 Break

16:00 Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union ("Brexit")

- Presentation on the implementation of the United Kingdom's Border Target Operating Model by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

16:30 Place of China in the Global Supply Chains of Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation of proposal of advice on application of the forced labour regulation and the Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence Directive by Vanya Vulperhorst (Oceana)
- Presentation of recent reports on IUU fishing and human rights violations in China by Julien Daudu (Environmental Justice Foundation)



- Consideration of the draft advice
- Way forward

17:15 Better protecting sharks through sustainable fishing and trade

- Consideration of draft advice on protecting sharks through sustainable fishing and trade
- Way forward

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. It is established practice for Commission representatives to deliver updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. Autonomous Tariff Quotas, Morocco, Southeast Asian, and the World Trade Organisation's agreement on fisheries subsidies have been identified as particularly relevant topics.	Presentation and exchange with COM representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opinion of Advocate General on Morocco - Opinion of Advocate General on Morocco - EU – Thailand Trade - EU – Philippines Trade - EU – Indonesia Trade - WTO Agreement
Information + Decision	Fisheries Control	On 9 February 2024, the new Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. Some provisions are immediately implementable, while other provisions will enter into force after 6 months, two years, four years, or in 2029/2030. New rules on lots will be applicable from January 2026. Digital traceability rules will be applicable for fresh and frozen products after two years. Following a feasibility study, traceability rules will be applicable to prepared and preserved products within five years. Under the Work Programme, the MAC committed to provide advice on the market aspects of the new regulation. From 29 February to 14 March 2024, The Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to gather preliminary input.	Exchange of views on new rules on new rules of lot composition and traceability of fishery and aquaculture products with DG MARE representative. Decision of way forward (e.g., drafting of additional advice, monitoring developments).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2018 MAC Advice - Regulation - EUMOFA Talk - Compilation of Replies to Questionnaire (via email / Members Area) - 2024 MAC Advice
Information + Decision	Brexit	On 1 January 2021, following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement entered into force. The UK announced that, from the end of January 2024, a new approach to importing goods into Great Britain	Presentation on the implementation of the United Kingdom's Border Target Operating Model by COM representative. Decision on way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021 Advice - Border Model

		would be introduced, the Border Target Operating Model. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to providing advice on the matter.	forward (e.g., collection of input for the preparation of advice).	
Information + Consideration	China	On 13 December 2022, the MAC adopted joint advice with the LDAC about the Chinese distant-water fleet. A letter of reply from the European Commission was received on 16 February 2024. At the 2 April 2024 meeting, there was a presentation of journalistic investigations into China by the Outlaw Ocean Project. It was agreed, as an action item, that an agenda point would be scheduled on potential follow-up advice. In 2024, EJF also published several reports on IUU fishing and human rights violations in China.	Presentation and consideration of draft advice on the application of the forced labour regulation and the Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence Directive. Presentation of recent reports on IUU fishing and human rights violations in China by EJF representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Advice - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area) - EJF Report - EJF Report
Consideration	Sharks	On 22 February 2024, in response to the European citizens' initiative "Stop finning – Stop the trade", the European Commission launched a call for evidence on potential measures to better protect sharks. Possible policy measures include unilateral trade measures, bilateral agreements, an EU ban on loose shark fins within the EU market and for international trade, and an international prohibition of trade in loose shark fins. At the 2 April 2024, a presentation of the initiative took place. It was agreed, as an action point, that the Secretariat would circulate a questionnaire and that draft advice would be prepared based on the replies.	Consideration of draft advice on protecting sharks through sustainable fishing and trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for Evidence - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)