

Focus Group on Consumer Information in the HORECA sector

Draft Agenda (1st meeting)

Thursday, 22 February 2024 (11:00 – 12:00 CET)

Zoom

11:00 Welcome from the Chair, Brian Thomsen

11:05 Adoption of the agenda

11:10 Terms of Reference

- Overview of proposed outcomes, timeline, resources
 - *Note: Proposal of detailed timeline in Annex I + list of previous advice / recommendations in Annex II*

11:15 HoReCa and Consumer Organisations

- Welcome to HOTREC as active observer
- Decision on engagement with FoodServicesEurope and BEUC
- Exchange of views about the appropriate term (i.e., “HoReCa” vs “mass caterer”)
- Definition of the subsegments covered (e.g., potential exclusion of mobile food service enterprises) and relevant statistics to quantify the subsegments (e.g., data from HOTREC, FoodServicesEurope, STECF, EUMOFA)

11:30 Written consultation on preferences for information requirements

- Preparation of consultation to the members on preferences (e.g., mandatory, voluntary, exemption, level of priority)
 - *Note: Draft version available in Annex III*

11:40 Control costs

- Exchange of views about potential control costs (for enterprises and for public authorities), including sources of information (e.g., data from HOTREC, FoodServicesEurope, national administrations, European Commission)

11:50 AOB

11:55 Summary of action items

12:00 End of meeting



Annex I

Timeline proposed by the Chair

March 2024

- Written consultation on information requirements
- Mass caterer and consumer organisations
- Subsegment
- Control costs
- Previous work of the MAC/AAC

April 2024

- 2nd meeting of the Focus Group (exchange on the results of the written consultation)
- Drafting of a first 'framework' recommendation and circulation for written comments

May 2024

- Legal amendments
- Consumer-friendly way to display the information in the (sub)segment
- 3rd meeting of the Focus Group
- Drafting of a second 'framework' recommendation and circulation for written comments

June 2024

- 4th meeting of the Focus Group (consideration of possible amendments + revised timeline)
- Discussion of the draft framework recommendation, including with mass caterer and consumer

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Focus Group, the recommendation should be adopted by the end of October 2024.



Annex II

Internal Resources

Previous advice / recommendations of the AAC / MAC

- [AAC Recommendation on Consumer Information \(March 2021\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on Consumer Information on Fishery and Aquaculture Products \(August 2020\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on Roadmap on the Revision of EU Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers \(February 2021\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on Public Consultation on Revision of EU Regulation on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers \(March 2022\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on 2022 Report on the Functioning of the Common Market Organisation \(CMO\) \(March 2022\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition \(October 2022\)](#)

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Annex III

Proposal for Written Consultation on Information Requirements

Written consultation FG members (M: Mandatory, V: Voluntary, E: Exempted; P: Priority (low/high)):

Information requirement	M	V	E	P
The commercial designation of the species				
The commercial designation of the scientific name				
The production method (caught/farmed)				
The area where the product was caught/farmed				
The category of fishing gear used for capture in fisheries				
Whether the product has been previously frozen and defrosted				

If there is agreement from the members, following potential adjustments, the above written consultation will be formally circulated to the members after the first meeting. The results will be discussed at the second meeting of the Focus Group.

