



Revised fisheries Control Regulation

Traceability of fresh and frozen FAPs Marking of lots of FAPs

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State of play - Disclaimer

- This presentation outlines the proposed draft content corresponding to traceability of lots of FAPs of Chapter 3 of the CN – Fresh and Frozen FAPs” of the **new delegated** legislation to be adopted by JAN 2026, following the revision of Regulation (EC) 1224/2009 (‘the Control Regulation’) by means of amending Regulation (EU) 2023/2842.
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- It has been shared for consultation and discussion with Member States experts in 2 meetings (17 Oct- 20 Nov). It is also shared today with MAC members for consultation and discussion.
- **It is** a work in progress as the Commission will continue working on the draft content with the objective of presenting the final draft text for adoption in 1st half of 2025, in order to meet the very tight deadlines ahead.

Additional rules - Article 58 – paragraph 12

- Minimum technical requirements for the recording and transmission of information for Chapter 3 FAPs.
- Methods of marking lots and physical affixing of traceability information on lots of all FAPs.
- Further cooperation between Member States to access to traceability information.
- Additional traceability requirements for:
 - lots of fishery or aquaculture products falling under Chapter 3 containing several species (Article 56a(3) and (4)), and
 - lots of fishery or aquaculture products falling under Chapter 3 resulting from the merging or splitting of different lots (Article 56a(5)).
- Information on the relevant geographical areaof the catch.

Article XX

Traceability information of lots of fisheries and aquaculture products falling under Chapter 3 of the Combined Nomenclature established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87

1. For each lot of fishery and aquaculture products falling under **Chapter 3** of the Combined Nomenclature, **the recording and transmission** of the minimum traceability information set in Article 58(5) of the Control Regulation shall be **digitalised** using **international or global standards which ensure interoperability and verifiability** of traceability information between different traceability systems of different operators in the supply chain.
2. For each lot of fishery and aquaculture products falling under **Chapter 3** of the Combined Nomenclature, **the recording** of the minimum traceability information set in Article 58(5) of the Control Regulation shall be **at least 3 years**.

Article XX

3. For each lot of **fishery** products falling under **Chapter 3** of the Combined Nomenclature containing **several species as referred to in Article 56a(3)** of the Control Regulation, the minimum traceability information set in Article 58(5) of the Control Regulation shall apply with the following changes :

- a) in paragraph 5(d), the FAO alpha-3 code of the species and the scientific name **concern only the 3 main species** in weigh in that lot;
- b) in paragraph 5(h), **the total quantity of fishery products in that lot shall be provided instead of the quantities per species;**
- c) paragraph 5(i) is **not applicable.**

4. For each lot of **fishery** products falling under **Chapter 3** of the Combined Nomenclature containing **several species as referred to in Article 56a(4)** of the Control Regulation, **in addition** to the minimum traceability information set in Article 58(5) of the Control Regulation, the traceability information of such lot shall indicate that **the lot contains several species of individuals below minimum reference size** and the fisheries products composing the lot **are not intended for direct human consumption.**

Article XX -

5. For the purpose of paragraph 5 (a) (ii) and (b) (ii) of Article 58 of the Control Regulation, an **aquaculture production unit** **may** refer to an aquaculture establishment as referred to in Regulation (EU) No 2016/429* of the European Parliament and of the Council.

6. For lots of **frozen** fishery and aquaculture products, **whether imported or not into the Union**, the requirement set forth in this Article shall apply to those products for which the date of catch or harvest is after the date of application of this Regulation.

* Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health (Animal Health Law) - OJ L 084 31.3.2016, p. 1

Article YY

Marking of lots of fishery and aquaculture products

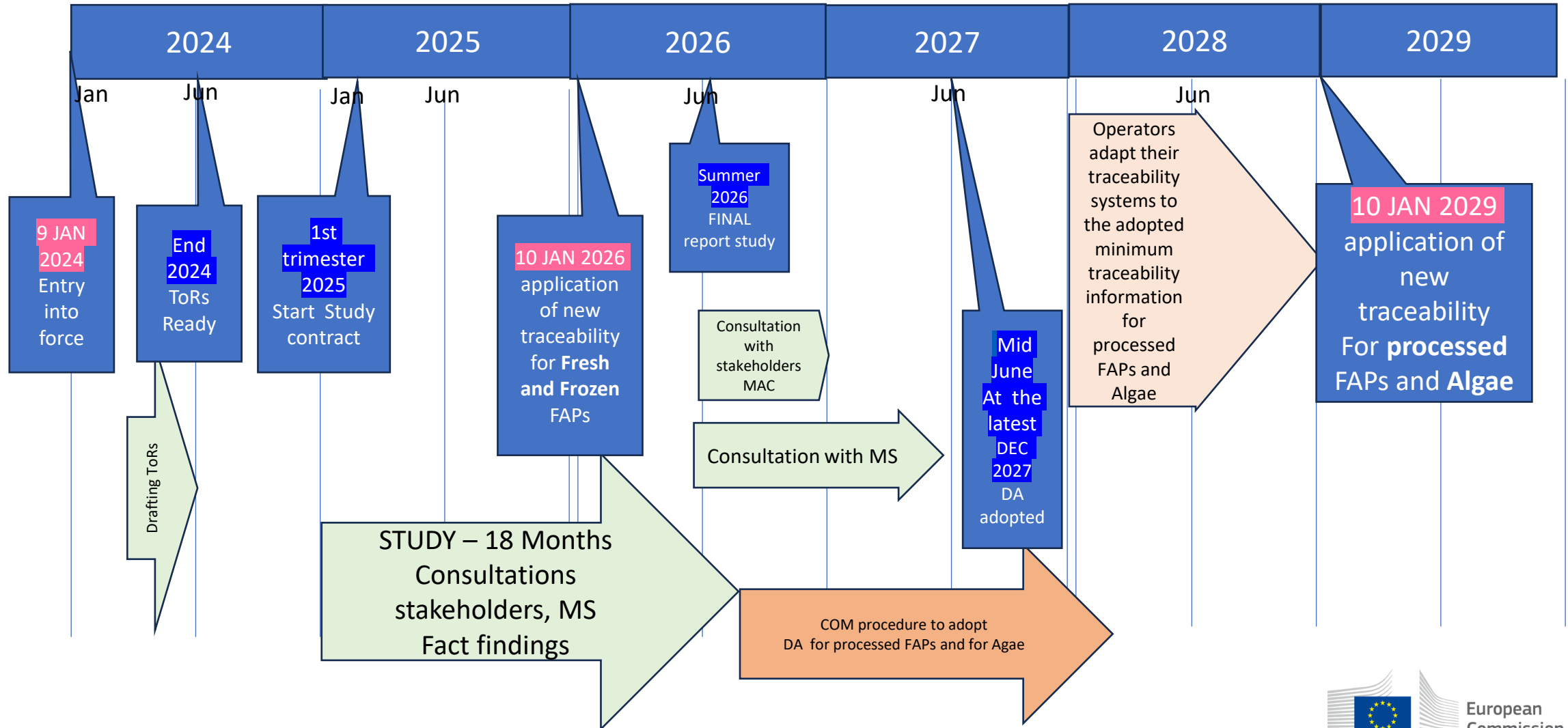
1. Each lot of fishery and aquaculture products shall be marked in a way that any fishery and aquaculture product composing that **lot is clearly identified**.
2. As a minimum, a lot shall be marked with a **unique identification number**.
3. Marking may be affixed to each lot by way of an identification tool such as a QR code, barcode, electronic chip or a similar device or marking system. Lot identification tools referred to in this paragraph shall be developed based on **internationally recognised standards and specifications** such as **GS1 standards** allowing for a unique identification, easy reading and tracing of the given lot.

Study on traceability of specific FAPs

Article 58 – paragraph 9

- Terms of references currently being finalised.
- Start 1st Semester 2025
- Duration 18 months

Timeline: 2024 – 2029



Thank you for attention !

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