

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

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 30 January 2025 (09:00 – 12:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (18.09.24)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 Consumer Information

- Presentation of the report “Fishy labels: What do we know about the seafood we buy in supermarkets?”, of the “Follow the Fish” movement, and of recent polls on consumer information for processed products by Vanya Vulperhorst (Oceana)
- Exchange of views

09:45 Hygiene and Sanitary Issues

- Update on the upcoming legislation on the maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in certain foodstuffs by Veerle Vanheusen (DG SANTE E2)
- Exchange of views on the maximum levels of arsenic in canned tuna products with Veerle Vanheusen (DG SANTE E2)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:30 Common Market Organisation

- Presentation on the section on consumer information requirements of the ongoing study on the Common Market Organisation commissioned by DG MARE by the external consultant
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:00 Break

11:15 Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

- Presentation of the new legislation by Commission representative (DG ENV B3) (TBC)
- Presentation of the “Re-thinking Fish Boxes” project by Stefania Campogianni (WWF)



- Consideration of the draft advice on “Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation: Impacts of the package reuse targets for the EU, fisheries, aquaculture and fish processing industries”
- Way forward

12:20 AOB

12:25 Summary of action items

12:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Consumer Information	In 2024, Oceana launched the “Follow the Fish” movement calling for a revision of the Common Market Organisation Regulation to require consumer information for all fishery and aquaculture products. Oceana published a report analysing product labels in supermarkets across Belgium, France and Spain. Oceana also conducted polls with citizens from Belgium, France, Spain, and Cyprus.	Presentation of the movement, of the report, and of the consumer polls by Oceana representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report - Movement - Polls
Information + Decision	Hygiene and Sanitary Issues	Under Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1006, the maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in some foodstuffs were regulated. In 2021, EFSA published a scientific opinion on dietary exposure to inorganic arsenic, which called for a reduction in the exposure. DG SANTE initiated the work to revise the regulation. At the 27 January 2023 meeting, it was agreed, as an action point, that, an item on arsenic would be scheduled. At the 8 June 2023 meeting, there was an exchange of views with the responsible DG SANTE official.	Update on the upcoming legislation on maximum levels of inorganic arsenic by DG SANTE representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., monitoring developments, drafting advice).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation - EFSA Opinion - Information Page
Information	Common Market Organisation	Following up on the report on the functioning of the Common Market Organisation, DG MARE commissioned a study on the provisions related to professional organisations and consumer information. The study will contribute to the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy.	Presentation on the section on consumer information of the ongoing study by a member of the consortium of external consultants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation Letter - MAC Advice - CMO Report
Information + Consideration	Packaging and Packaging Waste	At the 18 September 2024, there was a presentation by EUMEPS on the impacts of the reuse targets under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation on the European fishing and fish processing industry. Under the Regulation, there will be obligations on reuse targets, the establishment of a collaborative system for reuse, responsibility for	<p>Presentation of the new legislation by DG ENV representative.</p> <p>Presentation of the “Re-thinking Fish Boxes” project by WWF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative Observatory - EUMEPS Presentation - WWF Project - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		collection, and a traceability system. As an action item, it was agreed that the Secretariat would launch a one-month consultation, so that draft advice could be considered at the next meeting.	representative. Consideration of draft advice on the impacts of the package reuse targets.	
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