

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 29 January 2025 (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 (02.12.24)

14:40 Action points

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

14:45 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)

- Presentation of 2024 edition of "The EU Fish Market" report by Commission representatives (MARE A4) and EUMOFA experts
- Exchange of views

15:15 EU Market Supply

- Presentation of "EU Seafood Supply Synopsis 2024" study by Mike Turenhout (Visfederatie)
- Exchange of views

15:45 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Presentation of study estimating the amount of illegal fishing by third countries in the waters of French Guyana by Sophie Leforestier
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

16:15 Break

16:30 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (MARE B3), including:
 - EU – Morocco Free Trade Agreement (Judgments of EU Court of Justice)
 - EU – Mercosur Free Trade Agreement
- Update on the call for evidence launched by the Commission on the eventual consideration of sustainability criteria in view of the next Autonomous Tariff Quotas round for fishery products by Commission representatives (MARE B3)
- Consideration of draft advice on the integration of sustainability criteria under the regime of Autonomous Tariff Quotas for certain fishery products
- Way forward



17:30 Fisheries Control Regulation

- Update on Commission's preparatory work for additional rules for traceability of fresh and frozen fishery and aquaculture products and marking of lots to be adopted through a delegated act by Anne Gautrais-Le Goff (MARE D4)
- Consideration of draft advice on the upcoming additional rules for traceability of fresh and frozen fishery and aquaculture products and marking of lots
- Way forward

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting

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Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	EUMOFA	Every year, EUMOFA publishes “The EU Fish Market” report”. The report aims at providing an economic description of the whole European fisheries and aquaculture industry. It replies to questions such as what is produced/exported/imported, when and where, what is consumed, by whom and what are the main trends.	Presentation by DG MARE and EUMOFA experts of the annual report on the market.	- EUMOFA Reports
Information	EU Market Supply	Every year, AIPCE-CEP publishes a study with the aim of explaining the activities of the fish and seafood processing industry and trading sector, including by demonstrating the need for supply of imported seafood to produce added value within Europe.	Presentation by AIPCE-CEP representative of the latest edition of the study.	- Study
Information + Decision	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	In June 2024, CRPMEM-Guyane, WWF, and IFREMER published a report estimating the quantity of illegal fishing by third countries in the waters of French Guyana. The report has also been presented to the Outermost Regions Advisory Council (CCRUP). In the past, there was agreement between the MAC and the CCRUP to work together on the entrance of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing products into the market of the Outermost Regions.	Presentation of a report on the quantity of illegal fishing by third countries in the waters of French Guyana by the author. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of joint advice with the CCRUP).	- Report
Information + Consideration	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. In October 2024, the European Commission launched a call for evidence on the potential integration of sustainability criteria under the Autonomous Tariff Quotas for certain fishery products. Based on the	Update on the call for evidence by DG MARE representative. Consideration of draft advice on the integration of sustainability criteria.	- Call for evidence - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		replies from members to the call, a proposal of draft advice was prepared.		
Information + Consideration	Fisheries Control	On 9 January 2024, the revised Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. The Commission services are preparing the draft content of a delegated act covering additional rules for traceability of fresh and frozen fishery and aquaculture products and marking of lots. An exchange of views on the matter with the responsible DG MARE official took place at the 2 December meeting. A questionnaire was circulated to the members to gather feedback for advice.	Update on the preparatory work by DG MARE representative. Consideration of draft advice on the upcoming additional rules.	- Regulation - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

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