

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

Draft Agenda

Friday, 28 March 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.01.25)

09:40 Action points

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

09:45 Animal Welfare

- Presentation on the legislative proposal on the protection of animals during transport and related operations by Commission representative (DG SANTE G3)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:15 Food Labelling

- Presentation of the Special Report "Food labelling the EU – Consumers can get lost in the maze of labels" by Keit Pentus-Rosimannus (Member, European Court of Auditors)
- Exchange of views

11:00 Break

11:15 Consumer Information

- Presentation of the Special Eurobarometer 558 on "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products" by Commission representative (DG MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

12:00 Common Fisheries Policy

- Consideration of draft advice on the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (questions 3, 5, 9)
- Way forward

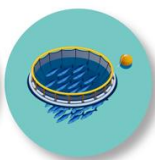
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12:55 Summary of action items



13:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Animals Transport	In December 2023, the European Commission published a legislative proposal amending the rules on the protection of animals during transport and related operations. The regulation will cover the transport of aquatic animals (fish, cephalopods and decapods).	Presentation of the legislative proposal by Commission representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., monitoring developments, drafting advice).	- Legislative Observatory
Information	Food Labelling	Last year, the European Court of Auditors published a special report, which found that food labelling in the EU can help consumers make better-informed decisions when purchasing food, but that there are notable gaps in the EU legal framework as well as weaknesses in the monitoring, reporting, control systems, and sanctions. The report touches on information on origin/provenance, nutrition information, plant-based products, health claims, sustainability, and private certification schemes/labels. The report does not specifically address the common market organisation of fishery and aquaculture products.	Presentation of the special report by the responsible member of the European Court of Auditors.	- Special Report
Information	Consumer Information	The European Commission periodically publishes a special Eurobarometer survey on EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products.	Presentation of the survey by DG MARE representatives.	- Survey
Consideration	Common Fisheries Policy	Last year, the European Commission launched an evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy. Under the Work Programme, the MAC committed to providing advice on the evaluation, including on the provisions of the Common Market Organisation Regulation. A questionnaire was	Consideration of proposal of draft advice on the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy – specifically the sections	- Evaluation - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		circulated to the members from 13 February to 7 March 2025.	related to consumer information.	
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