

## Working Group 2: EU Markets

### Draft Agenda

Thursday, 18 September 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 WEST / 10:30 – 14:00 CEST)

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Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

**09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère**

**09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (06.06.25)**

**09:40 Action points**

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

**09:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments**

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (MARE B3), including:
  - India (imports of shrimps and prawns)
  - Indonesia (political agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)
  - Thailand (negotiation of Free Trade Agreement)
  - USA (new trade agreement)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**10:15 Fisheries Control**

- Update on the study on feasible traceability systems and procedures for prepared and preserved fishery and aquaculture products by consortium representatives (TBC)
- Exchange of views

**11:00 Break**

**11:15 Unfair Trading Practices**

- Presentation of the legislative proposal on cooperation among enforcement authorities and of ongoing evaluation by DG AGRI representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**12:00 EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action**

- Consideration of draft advice on "EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action"
- Way forward

**12:50 AOB**



**12:55** Summary of action items

**13:00** End of meeting

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## Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. It is established practice for Commission representatives to deliver updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. There are several ongoing trade negotiations of relevance, including with Indonesia, Thailand, and USA. In the recent years, the inspection rate for antibiotic residue in India shrimp has increased. The EU also took measures to officially delist Indian operators.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">EU – Indonesia Trade</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">EU – Thailand Trade</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Advice (Thailand)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Statement (EU-USA)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Audit Report (India)</a></li> </ul>
Information	Fisheries Control	On 9 January 2024, the revised Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. Under Article 58 on “traceability”, operators must record and make available traceability information in a digital way to the next operator in the supply chain. For prepared and preserved products, it will be applicable after five years, following a feasibility study. In May 2025, the European Commission signed a contract with a consortium of consultants for the mentioned study.	Update on the study on feasible traceability systems and procedures for prepared and preserved fishery and aquaculture products by consortium representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Regulation</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Advice</a></li> </ul>
Information + Decision	Unfair Trading Practices	The Directive on unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain sets minimum rules to better protect farmers and small and medium sized suppliers working in the supply chain. On 10 December 2024, the European Commission proposed a new Regulation to strengthen cooperation between national enforcement authorities when unfair trading practices span multiple Member States. The Commission is also conducting an evaluation of the Directive.	Presentation of the legislative proposal and of the ongoing evaluation by DG AGRI representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Evaluation</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Regulation proposal</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Legislative Observatory</a></li> </ul>

Consideration	External Action	Fisheries	The European Commission will be developing a strategy for “fisheries external action”. The initiative aims to set out a strategic approach and steps to ensure a level playing field. The initiative will be integrated in a broader mission to develop a strategic approach to EU ocean diplomacy and of the EU’s wider regional strategies and priorities. The Commission launched a call for evidence from 7 July to 15 September 2025. The Secretariat circulated a questionnaire from 9 to 31 July 2025. Based on the replies, a proposal of draft advice was circulated afterward.	Consideration of draft advice on “EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action”.	- <a href="#">Initiative</a> - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)
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