

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

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 17 September 2025 (14:30 – 18:00 WEST / 15:30 – 19:00 CEST)

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Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen

14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (05.06.25)

14:40 Action points

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

14:45 Common Market Organisation

- Presentation on the section on consumer information requirements of the study on the Common Market Organisation by Séverine Renault (AND International)
- Exchange of views

15:30 Food Safety

- Presentation of the Commission Delegated Regulation for fishery products frozen in brine on board vessels by SANTE G5 representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

16:15 Break

16:30 Labelling of Plant-Based Imitations of Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation of the study “Labelling of plant-based seafood substitutes” by Bertrand Le Gallic (Université Brest)
- Exchange of views

17:15 Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

- Presentation on Lifecycle Assessment of Fish Boxes in Cold Chain Logistics by Javier Ojeda (FEAP)
- Exchange of views

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items



18:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
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.	- Recommendation Letter - CMO Report - Advice
Decision	Food Safety	On 18 July 2025, the European Commission adopted a Delegated Regulation setting rules for fishery products frozen in brine on board vessels. Under the new rules, whole fish initially frozen in brine on board vessels at a temperature of not more than -9°C, even if it is subsequently frozen at -18°C, must be exclusively destined for canning or for cooking in establishments carrying out processing operations as defined in Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.	Presentation of the new rules by DG SANTE representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., monitoring developments, none).	- Initiative
Information	Plant-Based Imitations	On 5 June 2025, the European Parliament's Policy Department B published a study, following a request of the Committee on Fisheries, on "Labelling of plant-based seafood substitutes". In the past, the MAC adopted advice on the matter.	Presentation of the study by the author.	- Study - Advice
Information	Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation	The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation established obligations for fish boxes, including on reuse targets, the establishment of a collaborative system for reuse, responsibility for collection, and a traceability system. On 18 March 2025, the MAC adopted advice on the impacts of the package reuse targets. Several stakeholders, including MAC members, commissioned a lifecycle assessment on fish boxes in cold chain logistics.	Presentation by Javier Ojeda (FEAP) of the lifecycle assessment.	- Legislative Observatory - Advice - Assessment