



WORKING GROUP 3 – EU CONTROL AND SANITARY ISSUES, CONSUMER RULES

Benoît Thomassen

Chair

Ostend

Wednesday, 4 February 2026

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Benoît Thomassen
- 14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (01.12.25)
- 14:40 Actions points
- 14:45 Consumer Information
- 15:15 Contaminants
- 15:45 Break
- 16:00 Nutrition
- 16:45 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- 17:30 Focus Group on Competitiveness, Simplification and Reduction of Administrative Burden
- 17:50 AOB
- 17:55 Summary of actions points
- 18:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (1 DECEMBER 2025)

Labelling of fishery and aquaculture products:

- Draft advice on the labelling barramundi products in international markets to be considered via a written procedure.
- Advice adopted on 21 January 2026

Common Market Organisation of Agricultural Products:

- Draft advice on the potential impact of the restrictions to the use of “meat-related terms” to be considered via a written procedure.
- Advice adopted on 17 December 2025

Competitiveness:

- Focus Group on Competitiveness, Simplification and Reduction of Administrative Burden to be established, with the aim of further developing the draft advice.
- Focus Group established on 12 December 2025

CONSUMER INFORMATION

➤ Presentation of the Oceana report “the hidden cost of unlabelled seafood: the risk of consuming unethical and unsustainable seafood in Europe”

▪ Marine Cusa (Oceana)

➤ Exchange of views



CONTAMINANTS

➤ Presentation of the EEB report “‘Forever Chemicals’ poisoning Europe’s waters and fish: The tip of the PFAS iceberg”

- Sara Johansson (EEB)

➤ Exchange of views



BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 15:45**

NUTRITION

➤ Presentation of the Interfish decalogue “fish consumption, health and sustainability”

- Juana Parada (OR.PA.GU.)

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

- Drafting of advice?
- Scheduling of more presentations?



SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

- **Presentation of proposal of draft advice on farmed bivalve molluscs and the EU-UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement**
 - **Thibault Pivetta (EMPA)**
- **Consideration of the proposed draft advice**
 - Circulation: 23 January 2026
 - Preliminary feedback: IS&WFPO (and FEAP)
- **Way forward**

FOCUS GROUP ON COMPETITIVENESS, SIMPLIFICATION AND REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN

➤ Update on the establishment and work of the Focus Group

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Establishment of the Focus Group: 12 December 2025
- Meetings: 9, 19, and 30 January 2026
- Ongoing development of “general document”
- Pending development of document on “Fisheries Control Regulation”

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

➤ **AOB**

➤ **Summary of action points**

➤ **End of meeting**