

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

### Draft Agenda

Friday, 12 June 2026 (09:30 – 13:00 CEST)

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room B), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

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 (24.03.26)**

**09:40 Action points**

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

**09:45 Food Fraud (FAO)**

- Presentation of the FAO's publication "Food Fraud in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector" by Esther Garrido Gamarro (FAO)
- Exchange of views

**10:15 Food Fraud (EU)**

- Presentation of the TraceMap traceability tool by Eva Siegenger (SANTE G5)
- Exchange of views

**10:45 Contaminants (Mercury)**

- Presentation of EFSA's scientific report on frequency of consumption of different fish, crustacean and mollusc species contributing to methylmercury exposure and consumer awareness of national advice on their consumption by Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA)
- Exchange of views

**11:30 Break**

**11:45 Contaminants (Chlordecone)**

- Presentation on measures to address chlordecone contamination by Maria Tabernero (SANTE E4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**12:15 Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation**

- Update on the limit values for PFAS in food-contact packaging by Ioannis Antonopoulos (ENV B3)



- Exchange of views

**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	Food Fraud (FAO)	On February 2026, the FAO published a report on food fraud in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, which provides an overview of the complexity of fraud and a review of novel techniques to help detection. The report includes various case studies related to the EU market.	Presentation of the report by an FAO representative.	- <a href="#">Report</a>
Information	Food Fraud (EU)	On March 2026, the European Commission launched the “TraceMap traceability tool”, an AI-powered tool to help speed up detection of food fraud and foodborne incidents and outbreaks. The tools aims to enable quick and efficient action across the EU, making the food chain safer and more transparent when potential problems are flagged.	Presentation of the tool by DG SANTE representative.	- <a href="#">Information Page</a>
Information	Contaminants (Mercury)	In February 2026, the European Food Safety Authority published a scientific report on “Frequency of consumption of different fish, crustacean and mollusc species contributing to methylmercury exposure and consumer awareness of national advice on their consumption”. On 24 March 2026, the MAC adopted advice on the biochemical interaction between selenium and mercury in fishery and aquaculture products. According to information shared by DG SANTE, there are no ongoing discussions on a possible revision of the maximum levels for mercury in fish. Nevertheless, in 2029, there could be checks on whether to establish specific maximum levels for certain metals in canned fish. A risk-benefit assessment of fish consumption is expected in December 2027. Furthermore, the consumption advice provided by Member States might be finetuned.	Presentation of the scientific report by an EFSA representative.	- <a href="#">Advice</a> - <a href="#">Scientific Report</a>

Decision	Contaminants (Chlordecone)	At the 24 March 2026 meeting, the Secretary General of the Outermost Regions Advisory Council raised the issue of contamination due to chlordecone. The Working Group agreed, as an action point, to schedule an agenda point dedicated to the matter at a future meeting. Historically, in the French Outermost Regions, there was significant chlordecone contamination due to the use as a pesticide. While the use is now banned, residues persists, including contamination via sediments, waters, and bioaccumulation in aquatic food chains.	Presentation on measures to address chlordecone contamination by DG SANTE representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, collaboration with CCRUP, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">CCRUP Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">EFSA statement on dietary exposure</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Information Page</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">EU Regulation</a></li> </ul>
Information	Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation	Article 5 of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation foresees that, from 12 August 2026, food-contact packaging shall not be placed on the market if it contains PFAS in a concentration equal to or above the set limit values. Some stakeholders have raised doubts on the lack of harmonised standardised measuring across Member States, which would particularly impact canned products.	Update on the limit values for PFAS in food-contact packaging by DG ENV representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">EU Regulation</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Advice</a></li> </ul>