



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

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Chair

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

Friday, 12 June 2026

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 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 Actions points
  - 09:45 Food Fraud (FAO)
  - 10:15 Food Fraud (EU)
  - 10:45 Contaminants (Mercury)
  - 11:30 **Break**
  - 11:45 Contaminants (Chlordecone)
  - 12:15 Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
  - 12:50 AOB
  - 12:55 Summary of actions points
- 13:00 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (24 MARCH 2026)

## **EU-UK Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement:**

- Draft advice on “Negotiation of the EU-UK SPS Agreement” to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption.
  - Advice adopted on 24 March 2026

## **Competitiveness:**

- Draft advice on “Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products – Simplification and reduction of administrative burden” to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption.
- Draft advice on “Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products – Upcoming studies on the Fisheries Control Regulation” to be considered by the Working Group via a one-week urgent written procedure.
  - Advice on “Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products – Simplification and reduction of administrative burden” adopted on 24 March 2026
  - Draft advice on “Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products – Upcoming studies on the Fisheries Control Regulation” adopted on 26 May 2026

# ACTION POINTS (24 MARCH 2026)

## Nutrition:

- Draft advice on “Biochemical Interaction between Selenium and Mercury in Fishery and Aquaculture Products” to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption.
- Advice adopted on 24 March 2026

## Contaminants:

- Draft advice on “Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)” to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption.
- At a future meeting, agenda point to be scheduled on contamination in fishery and aquaculture products due to chlorodecone.
- Advice adopted on 24 March 2026
- Agenda point on contamination due to chlorodecone scheduled (11h45)

# FOOD FRAUD (FAO)

## ➤ Presentation of the FAO's publication "Food Fraud in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector"

- Esther Garrido Gamarro (FAO)

## ➤ Exchange of views



# FOOD FRAUD (EU)

## ➤ Presentation of the TraceMap traceability tool

### ▪ Eva Siegener (SANTE G5)

- Commission AI-powered tool that helps to speed up the detection of food fraud and foodborne incidents and outbreaks in any EU country. It enables quick and efficient action across the EU, making the food chain safer and more transparent when potential problems are flagged.
- TraceMap helps national authorities to:
  - strengthen food safety, screening, crisis management and consumer protection
  - ensure unsafe and non-compliant products are removed from the market more rapidly including in case of food borne outbreaks
  - improve the effective control of imported goods, in line with the EU's Vision for Agriculture and Food
  - improve screening accuracy and anti-fraud measures across the whole supply chain
  - identify links between operators and consignments across borders
  - quickly identify high-risk operators and products
  - detect suspicious patterns in trade and production flows.

## ➤ Exchange of views

# CONTAMINANTS (MERCURY)

➤ Presentation on the climate footprint of marine ingredients 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

▪ Sofia Ioannidou (EFSA)

➤ Exchange of views

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SCIENTIFIC REPORT

efsa JOURNAL

**Frequency of consumption of different fish, crustacean and mollusc species contributing to methylmercury exposure and consumer awareness of national advice on their consumption**

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BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:45**

# CONTAMINANTS (CHLORDECONE)

## ➤ Presentation on measures to address chlordecone contamination

- Maria Tabernerero (SANTE E4)

## ➤ Exchange of views

## ➤ Way forward

- Drafting of MAC-CCRUP Advice (e.g., Seafood-specific exposure assessment, monitoring programme for fishery and aquaculture products, species-specific thresholds for the maximum levels for fishery and aquaculture products, species-specific consumption advice, financial support and compensation mechanisms for operators, environmental remediation, guidance to producers)?

# PACKAGING AND PACKAGING WASTE REGULATION

## ➤ Update on the limit values for PFAS in food-contact packaging

▪ Ioannis Antonopoulos (ENV B3)

## ➤ Exchange of views

5. From 12 August 2026, food-contact packaging shall not be placed on the market if it contains per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in a concentration equal to or above the following limit values to the extent that the placing on the market of packaging containing such a concentration of PFAS is not prohibited pursuant to another Union legal act:

- (a) 25 ppb for any PFAS as measured with targeted PFAS analysis (polymeric PFAS excluded from quantification);
- (b) 250 ppb for the sum of PFAS measured as the sum of targeted PFAS analysis, where applicable with prior degradation of precursors (polymeric PFAS excluded from quantification); and
- (c) 50 ppm for PFASs (including polymeric PFAS); if total fluorine exceeds 50 mg/kg the manufacturer, importer or downstream user as defined respectively in Article 3, points (9), (11) and (13) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 shall, upon request, provide to the manufacturer or the importer as defined respectively in Article 3(1), points (13) and (17), of this Regulation proof of the quantity of fluorine measured as content of either PFAS or non-PFAS in order for them to draw up the technical documentation as referred to in Annex VII to this Regulation.

'PFAS' means any substance that contains at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF<sub>3</sub>-) or methylene (-CF<sub>2</sub>-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I attached to it), except substances that only contain the following structural elements: CF<sub>3</sub>-X or X-CF<sub>2</sub>-X', where X = -OR or -NRR' and X' = methyl (-CH<sub>3</sub>), methylene (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), an aromatic group, a carbonyl group (-C(O)-), -OR'', -SR'' or -NR''R'''; and where R/R''/R''' is a hydrogen (-H), methyl (-CH<sub>3</sub>), methylene (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), an aromatic group or a carbonyl group (-C(O)-).

By 12 August 2030, the Commission shall carry out an evaluation to assess the need to amend or repeal this paragraph in order to avoid overlaps with restrictions or prohibitions on the use of PFAS laid down in accordance with Regulations (EC) No 1935/2004, (EC) No 1907/2006, or (EU) 2019/1021.

6. Compliance with the requirements set out in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Article shall be demonstrated in the technical documentation drawn up in accordance with Annex VII.

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**