

Working Group 1: EU Production

Tuesday 12 February 2019

15:30-18:30

Bilbao Exhibition Center

Barakaldo, Bizkaia

Welcome from the Chair

The Chair, Sean O'Donoghue, welcomed those present.

Adoption of agenda and minutes last meeting (18.10.18)

Both minutes of last meeting and agenda were adopted.

Action points last meeting

Find the presentation [here](#).

The Chair gave a short presentation on the action points of last meeting.

- MAC advice on the Marketing standards: Focus Group to reconvene before the end of the year. Final draft to be delivered mid-January 2019 – further discussion in February 2019 – COMPLETED
- MAC opinion on the EMFF: urgent adoption via written procedure if necessary. To be sent to co-legislators - ongoing
- Explore the most efficient way with regards to the interaction between MAC and STECF- Ongoing
- Further discussions on suggestions to interact and improve EUMOFA from the MAC - Ongoing

EMFF

Status: draft prepared by Focus Group on EMFF, consideration of AIPCE's comments

Find the documents [here](#).

The procedure followed was questioned with regards to AIPCE sending amendments at a late stage. In order to address these and other future problems regarding the procedures followed, new Rules of Procedure were tabled for the General Assembly to adopt.

The Chair of WG1 stressed the importance of having a wide representativeness of all sectors within Focus Groups and for attendees to have a clear mandate from their organisations.

The MAC draft on the EMFF was then discussed article by article and a compromise was reached in most of them. It was decided that on article 13- Storage aid, the Executive Committee will decide how to address the dissenting comment from AIPCE.

The Executive Committee will follow the urgent written procedure.

Marketing Standards

Status: Consideration of Draft prepared by Focus Group

Find the documents [here](#).

The Chair of the Focus Group on Marketing Standards, Pim Visser, gave an overview of the preparation of the draft on the marketing standards. Europeche was invited to bring forward their comments, which they forwarded to both Secretary and Chair of the Focus Group, after the last meeting of the Focus Group (November 2018).

The draft prepared by the Focus Group dated in November 2018 was analysed paragraph by paragraph. It was decided that given the difficulties to reach a consensus it was agreed that the items referring to preserved tuna would be separated from the document and dealt with by the Focus Group.

With regards to fresh fish part of the draft document having gone through it on a paragraph by paragraph basis it was agreed the text will be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption.

STECF

Status: discussion on possible link between MAC and STECF

A discussion took place with regards to the possibility of developing a closer relationship with STECF. The LDAC explained how they collaborated with STECF on their annual economic report regarding the distant water fleet. The European Commission clarified that any collaboration of the MAC with STECF has to go through the relevant Unit in DG MARE. Should the MAC find a specific area or need where the MAC could collaborate with STECF, the possibility for the MAC to provide input could be further discussed.

The MAC will request to attend as observer the meetings of the Expert Group of STECF and Chairman will follow it up with the Commission.

EUMOFA

Status: Consideration of Questionnaire on EUMOFA prepared under WG1

Find the questionnaire [here](#).

The Secretariat will distribute the questionnaire on EUMOFA drafted for this Working Group. The questionnaire aims at getting an idea on whether members of the MAC consider the tool useful and to explore possibilities of improving it.

Members were invited to complete the draft questionnaire with any question they deem necessary. Once the Secretariat puts together the last draft, members will be invited to fill it in. This process will also take place under Working Group 2 and 3.

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Production and Marketing Plans

Status: Consideration of the organisation of a workshop on the PMPs and whether

Upon the proposal of organising a workshop on the implementation of PMPs in relation to [the guidelines prepared by the MAC last year](#), it was decided that it would be premature. The issue will be discussed during the MAC meeting in September.

Action points next meeting

- EMFF: advice to be forwarded to Executive Committee to decide on AIPCE's comment
- Marketing Standards: advice to be split in fresh products (to be forwarded to Executive Committee for adoption) and canned tuna and sardines (the Focus Group will further discuss the issue)
- STECF: the MAC will request the EC to be a participant in the annual expert group and Chairman to follow up with Commission.
- EUMOFA: a week will be given to complete the questionnaire with further questions and members will be invited to fill in the last draft within 3 weeks
- PMP workshop: to be further discussed in September.

End of the meeting

Attendance list

*Representatives of the Commission were present via video-conference

Organisation	Representative
AIPCE	Guus Pastoor
AIPCE-CEP	Andrew Kuyk
ANFACO-CECOPECA	Roberto Carlos Alonso Baptista de Sousa
DPPO	Anders Bjerrum
EAPO	Emiel Brouckaert
EMPA/AEPM	Maria Angeles Longa
ETF	Juan Manuel Trujillo Castillo
Europêche	Daniel Voces de Onaindi
FEAP	Kathryn Stack
FEAP	Arnault Chaperon
Living Sea	Erik Bjorn Olsen
Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)	Marcin Rucinski
MAC	Sandra Sanmartin
MAC	Jessica Demblon
MAC	Panos Manias
Mercadona	Lorena Torrecillas
Oceana	Agnes Lisik
Oceana	Vanya Vulperhorst
OPP 72	Nicolas Fernández Muñoz
Puerto de Celeiros a OPP77	Eduardo Miguez López
Visfederatie	Mike Turenhout
VisNed	Pim Visser
WWF	Katrin Vilhelm Poulsen
WWF	Simone Niedermüller
EJF	Georg Werner
CFFA	Beatrice Gorez
MAPA	Jose Pellicer
DG MARE	Evelien Ranshuysen