

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 29 March 2023 (09:00 – 13:00 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (26.01.23)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 “Carding System” against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Update on ongoing procedures regarding third countries by Commission representative (MARE B4)
- Exchange of views

09:45 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance

- Presentation of proposal of draft advice on assessing the effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal seafood imports by Thomas Walsh, EIJ
- Consideration of draft advice
- Way forward

10:45 Break

11:00 Autonomous Tariff Quotas

- Update on preparation of new set of EU autonomous tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2024-2025 by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:45 European Year of Skills

- Consideration of draft advice about the employment needs of the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain
- Way forward

12:15 EU-Angola Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement

- Presentation of the results of the Secretariat's questionnaire
- Consideration of draft advice



12:45 Vice-Chair

- Exchange of views to determine potential suggestion of Working Group 2 Vice-Chair

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	Carding System	Under the EU IUU Regulation, the Commission can take steps against third countries not taking action against illegal fishing activities. First, the Commission issues a warning (“yellow card”). If the country is still not complying, the Commission will identify the country as non-cooperating (“red card”). Fisheries products from identified countries are banned from the EU market. It is established practiced for DG MARE to provide an annual update to the MAC.	Update by COM representative about ongoing procedures regarding third countries.	- Overview
Consideration	IUU	Under the Work Programme of Year 7, the MAC committed to produce advice on an ad hoc basis when significant cases of IUU fishing products entering the EU market are known or when actions take place under the “carding system”. At the 26 January 2023 meeting, the EU IUU Coalition presented two reports about controls to prevent illegal imports. It was agreed that, based on the presentations at the 19 September 2022 and 26 January 2023 meetings, a proposal of draft advice would be developed by EJF.	Consideration of draft advice, prepared by EJF, on effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal imports.	- Presentation - Presentation - Draft advice (via email / Members Area)
Information + Decision	Autonomous Tariff Quotas	Tariff quotas allow the total or partial waiver of the normal duties applicable to imported goods. For some economic sectors, autonomous tariff quotas can be granted to raw materials, semi-finished goods or components which are available in insufficient quantities in the EU. The Commission is preparing a new set of autonomous for the 2024-2025. MARE B3 sent a letter inviting suggestions and proposals.	Update by COM representative on preparation of new set of autonomous tariff quotas. Exchange of views among members about these. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, encouragement of individual replies, none).	- Letter - Regulation

Consideration	European Year of Skills	COM adopted a proposal to make 2023 the European Year of Skills. The aim is to give a fresh impetus to lifelong learning as well as to promote upskilling and reskilling opportunities. It also aims to help to further develop skills intelligence tools and promote tools and instruments for increased transparency and easier recognition of qualifications. From 24 February to 10 March 2023, the Secretariat circulated a questionnaire about this initiative and the employment needs of the sector.	Consideration of draft advice about the European Year of Skills and about the employment needs of the sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press Release - Presentation - Draft advice (via email / Members Area)
Consideration	EU-Angola SFPA	The European Commission launched an evaluation of a possible SFPA between the EU and Angola. An external consultant is interviewing stakeholders on the matter. From 24 February 2022 to 3 March 2023, the Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to determine if it would be relevant to adopt advice with a market and trade perspective on the matter.	Consideration of draft advice, from a market and trade perspective, on the possible EU-Angola SFPA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Advice - Draft advice (via email / Members Area)
Decision	Vice-Chair	In accordance with Article 4 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242, “The Advisory Council shall designate, by consensus, a chairperson and at least one vice-chairperson. The chairperson may originate from outside the membership of the Advisory Council. In case the chairperson is designated amongst representatives of member organisations, at least one of the vice-chairpersons shall be designated amongst members of the category of sector organisations and other interest groups referred to in Article 2 to which the chairperson does not belong. This principle shall also apply, where possible, to working groups’	Exchange of views and potential suggestion to the Executive Committee of a WG2 Vice-Chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegated Regulation

		chairpersons". At the 27 January 2023 General Assembly meeting, it was suggested that each Working Group should discuss the appointment of Vice-Chairs.		
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