

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 17 September 2024 (10:00 – 13:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

10:00 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

10:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (04.06.24)

10:10 Action points

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

10:15 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Overview of the existing procedures against third countries by Commission representatives (MARE B4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:00 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (MARE B3), including:
 - European Economic Area (implementation of new agreements)
 - Farmed Atlantic salmon cartel case
 - Export ban on Norwegian Atlantic farmed salmon (production grade)
 - Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:45 Break

12:00 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries

- Presentation of the 2023 Economic Report on the EU Fish Processing Sector by Giacomo Petrucco (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views
- Consideration of draft advice on the 2025 Economic Report on the EU Fish Processing Sector
- Way forward

12:45 Due Diligence

- Presentation of proposal of advice on due diligence in the fisheries and aquaculture sector by Amélie Laurent (Oceana)



- Consideration of the draft advice
- Way forward

13:20 AOB

13:25 Summary of action items

13:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Illegal, Unreported, Undocumented Fishing	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 practice for DG MARE to provide an annual update to the MAC.	Update by DG MARE representatives on ongoing procedures regarding third countries. Decision on way forward (e.g., monitoring developments, drafting advice on specific third country).	- Overview
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. It is established practice for Commission representatives to deliver updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. The implementation of the new agreements with Norway / the European Economic Area, the Commission’s statement of objection to six companies in farmed Atlantic salmon cartel case, the identification by DG TRADE of the export ban on Norwegian Atlantic farmed salmon (production grade) as a trade barrier, and Southeast Asia have been identified as particularly relevant topics.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	- Statement of Objections (cartel case) - Trade barrier (Norway) - Advice (Norway) - EU – Thailand Trade - EU – Philippines Trade - EU – Indonesia Trade - Advice (Thailand)
Information + Consideration	Economic Report on the EU Fish Processing Sector	Every two years, STECF publishes the economic report on the EU fish processing sector, one of the main sources of economic and social data for scientific advice on the performance of the industry. Under the annual work programme, the MAC committed to providing advice on the Terms of Reference of the next edition of	Presentation of the latest edition of the STECF’s economic report on the EU fish processing industry by DG MARE representative. Consideration of	- Report - Advice - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		the report. A questionnaire was circulated to the members to gather feedback, which served as basis for draft advice to be considered at the meeting.	draft advice on the Terms of Reference of the next report.	
Consideration	Due Diligence	At the 2 April 2024 meeting, Oceana expressed interest in following to previous advice on China through the development of new advice on due diligence rules. It was agreed, as an action item, that an agenda point would be scheduled on potential follow-up advice. The draft advice was circulated to the members in advance.	Presentation by Oceana representatives and consideration of draft advice on due diligence in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.	- Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area) - Legislative Observatory

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