

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

Draft Agenda

Monday, 1 December 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 CEST)

Zoom

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 (17.09.25)

09:40 Action points

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

09:45 Labelling of fishery and aquaculture products

- Presentation on the use of the designation "seabass" in international markets, particularly in the marketing of barramundi (*Lates calcarifer*) in Asia and in the Middle East, by Javier Ojeda (FEAP)
- Exchange of views

10:10 Common Market Organisation of Agricultural Products

- Presentation of the legislative proposal to protect meat-related terms by AGRI B4 representative
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:45 Food Labelling

- Presentation of report on transparency in food products, particularly the term "natural", by Luigi Tozzi (SAFE)
- Exchange of views

11:15 Break

11:30 Competitiveness

- Consideration of draft advice on simplification and reduction of administrative burden
- Way forward

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	Labelling of fishery and aquaculture products	FEAP expressed concern over the use, in international markets, particularly in Asian and Middle Eastern countries, of the term “seabass” when referring to barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>). In their view, this practice could mislead consumers and undermine the reputation of European seabass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>). Therefore, FEAP would like the Commission to encourage competent authorities, retailers, and industry stakeholders in third countries to ensure that fishery and aquaculture products are clearly identified by their correct common and scientific names.	Presentation on the use of the designation “seabass” in international markets by FEAP representative.	- Press Release
Information + Decision	Common Market Organisation for Agricultural Products	On 16 July 2025, the European Commission adopted a legislative proposal to amend the Common Market Organisation for Agricultural Products Regulation. The proposal introduces restrictions to the use of “meat-related terms” (e.g., “loin”), which could impact the market of fishery and aquaculture products. The European Parliament’s mandate aims for the inclusion of further designations (e.g., “steak”, “escalope”, “sausage”, “burger”) as well as exclusion of cell-based products.	Presentation of the legislative proposal by AGRI B4 representative.	- Legislative Proposal - EP Press Release - Advice - Advice
Information	Food Labelling	In November 2024, SAFE published a report on enhancing transparency in food products, which particularly focused on the use of the term “natural”. The results of the survey indicated that there is a broad range of interpretations among EU consumers. The report calls for improved transparency and clarity in food labelling.	Presentation of report on transparency in food products by SAFE representative.	- Report
Consideration	Competitiveness	Under the Competitiveness Compass for the EU, the European Commission identified simplification as a priority.	Consideration of draft advice on the	- Compass - Communication

		<p>The Compass sets a target of cutting the administrative burden by at least 25% for firms and by at least 35% for SMEs. At the 18 September 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee, DG MARE delivered a presentation on their initiatives to reach the targets. A questionnaire was circulated from 3 to 17 October 2025 to collect feedback from the members on the initiatives.</p>	<p>competitiveness of the EU market of fishery and aquaculture products.</p>	<p>- Presentation - Draft Advice (via e-mail / Members Area)</p>
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