



Expert Group on Fisheries Control Workshop on traceability of fisheries and aquaculture products

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Centre A. Borschette - Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Etterbeek

DRAFT AGENDA

08.30-09.00 Welcome coffee

09.00-09.15 Opening by Veronika Veits, Director for "International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries", DG MARE

SESSION 1

09.15-10.45 Traceability - Setting the scene

Moderator: Frangiscos Nikolian, Head of Unit "Economic Analysis, Markets and Impact Assessment », DG MARE

Rapporteur: Samantha Burgess, Head, European Marine Policy @ OceanTerra, WWF

1. Presentation on the on-going revision of the EU Fisheries Control System – New provisions on traceability.

Speaker: Laurence Cordier, Legislative coordinator on fisheries control, DG MARE

2. Traceability of fishery products from a sanitary perspective

Speaker: Paolo Caricato, Deputy Head of Unit for Food Hygiene, DG SANTE

3. Presentation of the findings of the joint missions on traceability conducted by DG MARE and DG SANTE in 2016-2017.

Speakers: Saba Nordstrom, Inspector, DG MARE Unit D.4 and Maria Lyons Alcantara, External Auditor, DG SANTE Unit DDG2.F.1.003

4. Examples of how the control of traceability under the Common Fisheries Policy is currently carried out in practise in a Member State, the example of Spain:

- General presentation by the General Secretariat of Fisheries about tools put in place, and the role of the Spanish Administration
Speaker: Juan M. Elices López, Jefe de Área, S.G. Acuicultura y Comercialización Pesquera, D.G. Ordenación Pesquera y Acuicultura, Secretaría General de Pesca, Spain.
- Presentation of a Regional Administration – La Junta de Andalucía
Speaker: Diego Arana Mesa, Agencia de Gestión Agrícola y Pesquera, Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Desarrollo Sostenible de la Junta de Andalucía, Spain

Session 1 will briefly outline the different traceability requirements, including for landlocked countries, in fields pursuant to fisheries products. This includes requirements under the Common Marketing Organisation, food law and food safety and the Common Fisheries Policy. Examples of control of traceability under the Common Fisheries Policy in a Member State will be also given.

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

SESSION 2

11.15-13.00 Existing digital traceability systems

Moderator: *Elisa Roller, Head of Unit “CFP and Structural Support - Policy Development and Coordination”, DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General of the Market Advisory Council*

Examples of existing digital traceability systems in Member States:

- The Swedish national traceability system – technology and legal framework, financed by EU control funds
Speaker: Anders Bogelius, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden
- National Digital Traceability system in Latvia, financed by EU control funds
Speakers: Miks Veinbergs and Varis Vitols, Department of Fisheries Control, Latvia

Examples of existing digital traceability systems put in place by Operators:

- Lessons learned in the Danish SIF project, financed by EU control funds
Speaker: Hanne Christiansen, the Danish Fisheries Agency, Denmark
- Irish bar-code system - GS1
Speaker: Denis O'Brien, Director of Standards & Solutions, GS1 Ireland
- Traceability within the Bolton Group (Italian Tuna Operator)
Speaker: Davide Vernacotola, Quality Assurance Supervisor, Bolton Group

Session 2 will give examples of what Member States and operators traceability systems in place and will give an insight into different traceability solutions currently in place. This session also aims at looking at some of the difficulties with setting up traceability systems and how they were overcome.

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

SESSION 3

14.30-15:30 Technology, global initiatives and standards

Moderator: *Marta Moya Diaz, Deputy Head of Unit for " Fisheries Control and Inspections", DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Brian O'Riordan, Executive Secretary, LIFE Platform*

- BLOCKCHAIN, Carrefour-España (Blockchain Hake from Pincho de Celeiro)
Speaker: Jorge Alberto Martinez Sanchez, Director de Pescadería, Carrefour, Spain
- Global Dialogue on Traceability standards
Speaker: David Schorr, Dialogue Seafood Traceability, WWF
- METRO, traceability solution for fisheries products
Speaker: Britta Gallus, METRO AG

Session 3 will look at current global initiatives and standards for traceability. These include as data standards and technology solutions and will give Member States the opportunity to ask questions on both technological solutions and standards.

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

SESSION 4

16.00-17.00 Discussion and wrap-up of the workshop

Moderator: *Francesca Arena, Head of Unit "Fisheries Control and Inspections" DG MARE*

Rapporteur: *Saba Nordström, Inspector, DG MARE*

Session 4 will provide an opportunity to discuss/analyse the different issues raised during the day and draw the conclusions of the Seminar with a view to continue feeding the on-going discussions with co-legislators on the revision of the EU Fisheries Control System (the new provisions on traceability).