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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
No. Cion prop.: 12516/11 PECHE 188 CODEC 1167 - COM(2011) 416 final  
Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products  
*- Approval of the final compromise text*

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1. On 13 July 2011 the European Commission presented to the Council its proposal on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products ("CMO").
2. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions gave their opinions on 28 March 2012 and 4 May 2012, respectively.<sup>1</sup>
3. After an orientation debate held on 19 March 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a "general approach" in June 2012.<sup>2</sup>
4. The European Parliament voted on its first reading position on 12 September 2012.<sup>3</sup>
5. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the Parliament's amendments between January and 5 February 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p. 183; OJ C 225, 25.7.2012, p.20.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 10415/12 PECHE 192 CODEC 1445.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 13616/12 CODEC 2093 PECHE 334 PE 390.

6. On 13 February 2013, the Permanent Representative Committee adopted a negotiating mandate<sup>4</sup> for an informal trilogue with the European Parliament, which was held on 27 February 2013. A second trilogue was held on 27 March 2013, based on a revision to the mandate made on 20 March 2013.<sup>5</sup>, and a conclusive third one on 8 May 2013.
7. The "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meetings of 22 April<sup>6</sup> and 22/23 May<sup>7</sup> were informed about the state of play.
8. A final informal technical meeting with the European Parliament was held on 4 June 2013, dedicated mainly to the recitals, to the final provisions, and to Annex III which details the new mandatory consumer information on the gear type used in wild capture fisheries. During this technical meeting, the parties also agreed to prepare a statement relating to the need for updating control provisions after the entry into force of the new CMO.
9. After Coreper's approval of the final agreed text, the European Parliament intends to examine the text at the meeting of its Committee on Fisheries on 18 June 2013 and, subject to approval there, will be in a position to prepare a letter informing the Council that should the Council approve the text in first reading, after legal-linguistic revision, the Parliament would prepare adoption of the same text in early second reading.
10. For these reasons, Coreper is invited to approve the final compromise text as set out in Annex I to this note and as subject to legal-linguistic revision, and the draft statement related to it contained in Annex II.

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<sup>4</sup> Doc. 6457/13 PECHE 59 CODEC 341.

<sup>5</sup> Docs. 7160/13 PECHE 82 CODEC 496 and 6457/2/13 REV 2 PECHE 59 CODEC 341.

<sup>6</sup> Doc. 7959/13 PECHE 120 CODEC 681.

<sup>7</sup> Doc. 8988/1/13 PECHE 182 CODEC 941 REV 1.

**REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 42 and 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national Parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>8</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions<sup>9</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

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<sup>8</sup> OJ C 225, 25.7.2012, p. 20.

<sup>9</sup> OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p. 183.

Whereas:

- (1) The scope of the Common Fisheries Policy extends to measures on the markets for fishery and aquaculture products in the Union. The common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products, hereafter "Common Market Organisation," is an integral part of the Common Fisheries Policy and should contribute to the accomplishment of its objectives. Since the Common Fisheries Policy is being revised, the Common Market Organisation should be adapted accordingly.
- (2) Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 of 17 December 1999 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products<sup>10</sup> needs to be revised to take account of shortcomings detected in the implementation of the provisions currently in force, recent developments in Union and world markets, and the evolution of fishing and aquaculture activities.
- (2a) Fishing plays a particularly important role in the economies of the Union's coastal regions, including the outermost regions (ORs). Given that it provides fishermen in those regions with their livelihood, steps should be taken to foster market stability and a better correspondence between supply and demand.***
- (3) The provisions of the Common Market Organisation should be implemented in compliance with the Union international commitments, in particular with regard to the provisions of the World Trade Organisation. ***The conditions for a fair competition in the trade in fishery and aquaculture products with third countries should be ensured, in particular through respect for requirements of sustainability and social standards equivalent to those which apply to the European products.***
- (4) The Common Market Organisation should contribute to achieving the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy.

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<sup>10</sup> OJ L 17, 21.1.2000, p. 22.

- (5) Since those objectives cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States due to the common nature of the market in fishery and aquaculture products and can therefore, by reason of the need for further common action, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty of the European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.
- (6) It is important that the management of the Common Market Organisation is guided by the principles of good governance of the Common Fisheries Policy.
- (6a) In order for the Common Market Organisation to be a success, it is essential that consumers are informed, through marketing and educational campaigns, about the value of eating fish and the wide variety of species available, and told of the importance of being able to understand the information contained on labels;***
- (7) Producer organisations are the key actors for the appropriate application of the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Market Organisation. It is therefore necessary to strengthen their objectives ***and to provide the necessary financial support to allow them to play a more meaningful role in the day-to-day management of fisheries, acting within a framework defined by the CFP objectives. It is also necessary*** to ensure that their members carry out fishing and aquaculture activities in a sustainable manner, improve the placing on the market of products, ***seek to improve their income*** and collect information on aquaculture. When realising these objectives, producer organisations should take account ***of*** the different conditions of the fishery and aquaculture sectors prevailing in the Union, ***including as regards the outermost regions***, in particular the specificities of small-scale fisheries ***and extensive aquaculture. It should be possible for Member States authorities to take responsibility for the implementation of those objectives, working closely with producer organisations on management issues, including, where appropriate, the allocation of quotas and the management of fishing effort, according to the needs of each particular fishery.***
- (7a) Measures should be taken to encourage the appropriate and representative participation of small scale producers.***

- (7b) In order to strengthen the competitiveness and viability of producer organisations, appropriate criteria for their establishment should be clearly defined.***
- (8) Inter-branch organisations gathering different categories of operators may help to improve the coordination of marketing activities within the value chain and to develop measures of interest for the whole sector.
- (9) It is appropriate to lay down common conditions for the recognition of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations by Member States, for extension of the rules adopted by producer organisations and inter-branch organisations, and for the costs resulting from such extension to be shared. The procedure for extension of rules should be subject to authorisation by the Commission.
- (10) In order that producer organisations can steer their members towards sustainable fishery and aquaculture activities, producer organisations should define and submit to the competent authorities of the Member States a production and marketing plan with the necessary measures to fulfil their objectives.
- (10a) In order to attain the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy as regards discards, widespread use needs to be made of selective fishing gear that will prevent under-size fish from being caught.***
- (11) The unpredictability of fishing activities makes it appropriate to set up a mechanism of storing fishery products for human consumption with a view to foster greater market stability and to increase the return on products, in particular by creating added value. This mechanism should contribute to the stabilisation and convergence of the Union local markets with a view to achieving the single market.
- (11b) The Commission should encourage supportive measures to foster the participation of women in aquaculture producer organisations.***
- (12) In order to take account of the diversity of prices throughout the Union, each producer organisation should be entitled to make a proposal for a price to trigger the storage mechanism. ***This trigger price should be set in a way that healthy and fair competition between operators be maintained.***

- (13) As fish stocks are shared resources, their sustainable and efficient exploitation can, in certain instances, be better achieved by organisations composed of members from different Member States *and different regions*. Therefore it is necessary **■** also *to encourage* the possibility **■** *to set up transnational producer organisations and associations of producer organisations at transnational level, based, where appropriate, on biogeographical regions. Such organisations should be intended to be partnerships that aim to produce common and binding rules, and to provide a level-playing field for all stakeholders that are engaged in the fishery. In setting up such organisations, it is necessary to ensure that they remain subject to competition rules as foreseen in the present regulation and that the need is respected to maintain the link between individual coastal communities and the fisheries and waters that they have historically exploited.*
- (14) The application of common marketing standards should permit the market to be supplied with sustainable products, to realise the full potential of the internal market in fishery and aquaculture products, and to facilitate commerce based on fair competition, thus helping to improve the profitability of production. *To this end, the existing marketing standards should continue to apply.*
- (15) *It is necessary to ensure that imported products entering the Union market comply with the same requirements and marketing standards as Union producers have to meet.*
- (15a) *In order to guarantee a high level of protection of human health, fishery and aquaculture products placed on the Union market, regardless of their origin, shall comply with applicable rules on food safety and hygiene.*
- (16) *It is necessary for consumers to be provided with clear and comprehensive information on, inter alia, the origin and the method of production of the products in order to enable consumers to make informed choices.*
- (16a) *The use of an eco-label for fisheries products, originating from both inside and outside the Union, offers the possibility of providing clear information on the ecological sustainability of fisheries products. It is therefore necessary for the Commission to examine the possibility of developing and establishing minimum criteria for the development of a Union-wide ecolabel for fisheries products.*

- (16b) In order to safeguard European consumers, Member State authorities responsible for monitoring and enforcing the fulfilment of the obligations laid down in this Regulation should make full use of available technology, including DNA-testing, in order to deter operators from falsely labelling catches.**
- (17) The rules on competition relating to agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Article 101 of the treaty should apply to the production or marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, in so far as their application does not impede the functioning of the common organisation of the markets or jeopardise the attainment of the objectives of Article 39 of the treaty.
- (18) It is appropriate to lay down competition rules applicable to the production and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, taking into account the specific features of the fishery and aquaculture sector, including fragmentation of the sector, the fact that fish is a shared resource and the large extent of imports, **which should be governed by the same rules as Union fishery and aquaculture products**. For the sake of simplification, the relevant provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 of 24 July 2006 applying certain rules of competition to the production of and trade in certain agricultural products should be incorporated into **this Regulation**. Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 should therefore no longer apply to fishery and aquaculture products.
- (19) It is necessary to improve the economic information on the markets in fishery and aquaculture products in the Union.
- (21) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of Articles 25, 31, 34 and 37 of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred upon the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control of by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.
- (22) Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 should be repealed but Articles 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 should continue to apply until the entry into force of the Regulation on the European Fisheries and Maritime Fund,



HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## **Chapter I**

### **General provisions**

#### *Article 1*

#### *Subject matter*

1. A common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products, hereafter “Common Market Organisation”, is hereby established.
2. The Common Market Organisation shall comprise the following instruments:
  - (a) professional organisations;
  - (b) marketing standards;
  - (c) consumer information;
  - (d) competition rules;
  - (e) market intelligence.
- (3) *The Common Market Organisation shall be supplemented as regards external aspects by the Council Regulation (EU) No 1220/2012 of 3 December 2012 on trade related measures to guarantee the supply of certain fishery products to Union processors from 2013 to 2015<sup>11</sup>, as well as by Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on certain measures for the purpose of the conservation of fish stocks in relation to countries allowing non-sustainable fishing<sup>12</sup>.*

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<sup>11</sup> OJ L 349, 19.12.2012, p.4.

<sup>12</sup> OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 34.

**(4) Implementation of the Common Market Organisation shall be eligible to receive Union financial support on the basis of the Regulation .../2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF Regulation).**

*Article 2*

*Scope*

The Common Market Organisation shall apply to the fishery and aquaculture products listed in Annex I to this Regulation, which are marketed in the Union.

*Article 3*

*Objectives*

The **objectives of the** Common Market Organisation **are those** laid down in **Article 45** of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy.

*Article 4*

*Principles*

The Common Market Organisation shall be guided by the principles of good governance laid down in Article 4 of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy.

*Article 5*

*Definitions*

For the purposes of this Regulation, the definitions referred to in Article **5** of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy shall apply **as well as those referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provisions of food information to consumers<sup>13</sup>, in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Agency and laying down procedures in matters of food safety<sup>14</sup>, and in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives<sup>15</sup>**. The following definitions shall also apply:

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<sup>13</sup> OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18.

<sup>14</sup> OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

<sup>15</sup> OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16.

- (a) 'fishery products' mean aquatic organisms resulting from any fishing activity or products derived therefrom, as listed in Annex I;
- (b) 'aquaculture products' mean aquatic organisms at any stage of their life cycle resulting from any aquaculture activity or products derived therefrom, as listed in Annex I;
- (c) 'producer' means any natural or legal person using means of production to obtain fishery or aquaculture products with a view to their placing on the market;
- (d) 'fishery or aquaculture sector' means the sector of the economy, including all activities of production, processing and marketing of fishery or aquaculture products;
- (e) 'making available on the market' means any supply of a fishery or aquaculture product for distribution, consumption or use on the Union market in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge;
- (f) 'placing on the market' means the first making available of a fishery or aquaculture product on the Union market.
- (g) ***'retail' means the handling and/or processing of food and its storage at the point of sale or delivery to the final consumer, including distribution terminals, catering operations, factory canteens, institutional catering, restaurants and other similar food service operations, shops, supermarket distribution centres and wholesale outlets;***
- (h) ***'prepacked fishery and aquaculture products' means fishery and aquaculture products which are 'prepacked food' as referred to in point (e) of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1169/2011.***

## Chapter II

### Professional organisations

#### SECTION I

#### ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES

##### *Article 6*

##### *Establishment of fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations*

1. Fishery producer organisations *and aquaculture producer organisations* may be established as a group set up on the own initiative of producers of fishery products *or aquaculture products, respectively*, in one or more Member States and recognised in accordance with Section II.  
  
*(1a) The specific situation of small-scale producers shall be taken into account for the establishment of fishery and aquaculture producer organisations, where relevant.*
2. *A producer organisation that is representative of both the fishery and aquaculture sectors may be established as a joint fishery and aquaculture producer organisation.*

##### *Article 7*

##### *Objectives of fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations*

1. Fishery producer organisations shall **■** *contribute to* the following objectives:
  - (a) promoting viable *and sustainable fishing* activities of their members in full compliance with the conservation policy *as* laid down, *in particular*, in the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy and *in* environmental legislation, *while respecting social policy. Where the Member State concerned so provides, the fisheries producer organisation shall also participate in the management of marine biological resources.*
  - (b) **■** *avoiding and reducing as far as possible* unwanted catches of commercial stocks *and where necessary, making the best use of such catches, without creating a market for such catches that are below the minimum conservation reference size, in accordance with Article 15 of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy.*

- (c) contributing to the traceability of fishery products and access to clear and comprehensive information for consumers.*
  - (d) contributing towards the elimination of IUU fishing practice.*
- 2. Aquaculture producer organisations shall contribute to the following objectives:**
- (a) promoting sustainable aquaculture activities of their members by providing opportunities for their development in full compliance with the conservation policy laid down in the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy and environmental legislation, while respecting social policy.*
  - (b) ascertaining that the activities of their members are consistent with the national strategic plans referred to in Article 43 of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy.*
  - (c) endeavouring to ensure that aquaculture feed products of fishery origin come from fisheries that are sustainably managed.*
- 3. Fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations shall, in addition to objectives laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, contribute to two or more of the following objectives:**
- (a) improving the conditions for the placing on the market of their members' fishery and aquaculture products;*
  - (b) improving economic returns;*
  - (c) stabilising the markets;*
  - (d) contributing to food supply and promoting high food quality and safety standards, whilst contributing to employment in coastal and rural areas.*
  - (e) reducing the environmental impact of fishing, including through measures to improve the selectivity of fishing gears.*

4. *Fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations may pursue complementary objectives.*

*Article 8*

*Measures deployable by fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations*

1. *To achieve the objectives set out in Article 7, fishery producer organisations and aquaculture producer organisations may make use of ■ measures such as:*
- (a) adjusting production to market requirements;*
  - (b) channelling the supply and the marketing of their members' products;*
  - (c) promoting Union fishery and aquaculture products of their members in a non-discriminatory manner by using for example the potential of certification, in particular designations of origin, quality seals, geographical designations, traditional specialities guaranteed, and sustainability merits;*
  - (d) controlling and taking measures for compliance of their members' activities with the rules established by the producer organisation.*
  - (e) promoting vocational training and cooperation programmes to encourage young people to enter the sector;*
  - (f) reducing the environmental impact of fishing, including through measures to improve the selectivity of fishing gears;*
  - (g) promoting the use of information communications technology to improve marketing and prices;*
  - (h) facilitating consumer access to information on aquaculture products.*

2. *Fishery producer organisations may also make use of the following measures:*
- (a) *collective planning and managing of the fishing activities of their members, subject to the Member States' organisation of the management of marine biological resources, including developing and implementing measures to improve the selectivity of fishing activities and advising competent authorities;*
  - (b) *avoiding and minimising unwanted catches through involvement in the development and application of technical measures, and making the best use of unwanted catches of commercial stocks without creating a market for such catches that are below the minimum conservation reference size, in accordance with Article 15(6) of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy and with Article 40(2) of this Regulation, as appropriate;*
  - (c) *managing temporary storage for fishery products in conformity with Articles 35 and 36.*
3. *Aquaculture producer organisations may also make use of the following measures:*
- (a) *promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, notably in terms of environmental protection, animal health and animal welfare;*
  - (b) *collecting information on the marketed products including economic information on first sales, and on production forecast;*
  - (c) *collecting environmental information;*
  - (d) *planning the management of the aquaculture activities of their members; and*
  - (e) *supporting programmes for professionals to promote sustainable aquaculture products;*

[Article 9 deleted (merged with Article 6)]

[Article 10 incorporated into Article 7]

[Article 11 incorporated into Article 8]

## Article 12

### *Establishment of associations of producer organisations*

1. An association of fishery or aquaculture producer organisations may be established as a group set up on the own initiative of producer organisations recognised in one or more Member States.
2. The provisions of this regulation applicable to producer organisations shall apply to associations of producer organisations unless otherwise stated.

## Article 13

### *Objectives of associations of producer organisations*

1. Associations of fishery or aquaculture producer organisations shall pursue the following objectives:
  - (a) performing in a more efficient **and sustainable** manner any of the objectives of the member producer organisations laid down in Article 7 **■** ;
  - (b) coordinating and developing activities of common interest for the member producer organisations.
2. ***Associations of producer organisations shall be eligible for financial support from the EMFF in accordance with the EMFF Regulation.***

## Article 14

### *Establishment of inter-branch organisations*

Inter-branch organisation may be established as a group set upon the own initiative of operators of fishery and aquaculture products in one or more Member States and recognised in accordance with Section II.

## Article 15

### *Objectives of inter-branch organisations*

Inter-branch organisations shall **■ improve the coordination of, and the conditions for, making available** on the market Union fishery and aquaculture products. **■**



## Article 16

### *Measures deployable by inter-branch organisations*

Inter-branch organisations may make use of the following measures to achieve the objectives referred to in Article 15:

- (a) drawing up standard contracts which are compatible with Union legislation;
- (b) promoting Union fishery and aquaculture products in a non-discriminatory manner by using *for example* the potential of certification, in particular designations of origin, quality seals, geographical designations, *traditional specialities guaranteed*, and sustainability merits;
- (c) laying down rules on the production and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products which are stricter than those laid down in Union or national legislation;
- (d) improving quality, knowledge of and the transparency of production and the market, *as well as carrying out professional and vocational training activities, for example on quality and traceability matters, on food safety and to encourage research initiatives.*
- (e) performing research and market studies, and developing techniques to optimise the operation of the market including information and communication technology, *as well as collecting socio-economic data;*
- (f) providing the information and carrying out the research needed to deliver sustainable supplies at the **■ quantity**, quality and price according to market requirements and consumer expectations;
- (fa) promoting, among consumers, species obtained from fish stocks that are in a sustainable state, have appreciable nutritional value and are not widely consumed;*
- (g) controlling and taking measures for compliance of their members' activities with the rules established by the inter-branch organisation.

## SECTION II

### RECOGNITION

#### *Article 17*

#### *Recognition of producer organisations*

1. Member States may recognise as fishery or aquaculture producer organisations all fishery or aquaculture producer groups which apply for such recognition, on condition that *they*:

*(-a) comply with the principles set out in Article 18a and with the rules adopted for their application;*

- (a) are sufficiently **economically** active ■ in the territory ■ **of the Member State concerned** or a part thereof, in particular as regards number of members or volume of marketable production;
- (b) have a legal personality under national law of a Member State, have their official headquarters and are established in its territory;
- (c) ■ are capable of pursuing the objectives laid down in Article 7 ■ ;
- (d) ■ comply with the competition rules ■ *referred to* in Chapter ■ *V*; *and*
- (e) ■ *do not* ■ *abuse* a dominant position on a given market ■ .

*(ea) they provide relevant details of their membership, governance and sources of funding;*

2. *Producer organisations recognised before the entry into force of this Regulation shall be considered as recognised producer organisations for the purposes of this Regulation. This is without prejudice to their obligation to comply with the provisions of this Regulation.*

*Article 17 a (new)*

*Financial support to producer organisations*

***Marketing measures for fishery and aquaculture products which aim at the creation or restructuring of producer organisations or associations of producer organisations may be financially supported in accordance with the EMFF Regulation.***

*Article 18*

*Recognition of inter-branch organisations*

1. Member States may recognise as inter-branch organisations ■ groups *of operators* established on their territory ■ which ***apply for such recognition*** on condition that *they*:
  - (-a) ***comply with the principles set out in Article 18a and with the rules adopted for their application;***
  - (a) represent a significant share of ■ production ***activity and either one or both of processing and marketing activities, concerning*** ■ fishery and aquaculture products or products processed from fishery and aquaculture products;
  - (b) ■ are not themselves engaged in the production, processing or marketing of fishery and aquaculture products or products processed from fishery and aquaculture products;
  - (c) ■ have a legal personality under the national law of a Member State, and have their official headquarters and are established in the territory of that Member State;
  - (d) ■ can carry out the objectives laid down in Article 15;
  - (e) ■ take into account the interest of consumers;
  - (f) ■ do not hinder the sound operation of the Common Market Organisation; ***and***
  - (g) ***comply with the applicable competition rules.***

2. *Organisations established before the entry into force of this Regulation may be recognised as inter-branch organisations for the purposes of this Regulation provided that the Member State concerned is satisfied that they comply with the provisions of this Regulation regarding inter-branch organisations.*
- 2a. *Inter-branch organisations recognised before the entry into force of this Regulation shall be considered as recognised inter-branch organisations for the purposes of this Regulation. This is without prejudice to their obligation to comply with the provisions of this Regulation.*

*Article 18a (new)*

*Internal functioning of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations*

*The internal functioning of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations referred to in articles 17 and 18 shall be based on the following principles:*

- 1) *compliance by its members with the rules adopted by the organisation in terms of fisheries exploitation, production and marketing;*
- 2) *no discrimination among members, particularly on grounds of nationality or place of establishment;*
- 3) *the levying of a financial contribution from its members in order to finance the organisation;*
- 4) *a democratic functioning enabling the members to scrutinize their organisation and its decisions;*
- 5) *imposition of penalties for infringement of obligations under the internal rules of the organisation, particularly in the case of non payment of financial contributions; Such penalties shall be effective, dissuasive and proportionate;*
- 6) *the definition of rules on the admission of new members and the removal of members;*
- 7) *the definition of the accounting and budgetary rules necessary for the running of the organisation.*

## Article 19

### *Checks and withdrawal of recognition by Member States*

1. Member States shall carry out checks at regular intervals to ascertain **that** producer organisations and inter-branch organisations comply with the conditions for recognition laid down in Articles 17 and 18 **respectively; a finding of non-compliance may result in the withdrawal of recognition.**
2. **The Member State hosting the official headquarters of** a producer organisation or inter-branch organisation **with members from different Member States, or** an association of producer organisations recognised in different Member States, shall set up **the** administrative cooperation needed to carry out checks on the activities of the organisation or the association concerned **in collaboration with the other Member States concerned.**

[Article 20 merged with Article 19]

## Article 21

### *Allocation of fishing opportunities*

A producer organisation whose members are nationals of different Member States or an association of producer organisations recognised in different Member States shall perform its tasks without prejudice to the provisions governing the allocation of fishing opportunities among Member States in accordance with Article 16 of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy.

*Article 22*

*Information on Recognised Producer Organisations*

Member States shall communicate to the Commission by electronic means any decision to grant or withdraw the recognition. ***The Commission shall make all such information publically available.***

*Article 23*

*Checks by the Commission*

In order to ensure that the conditions for recognition of producer organisations or inter-branch organisations laid down in Articles 17 and 18 are complied with, the Commission may carry out checks and **■ shall**, where appropriate, request that Member States withdraw the recognition of producer organisations or inter-branch organisations.

[Article 24: deleted]

*Article 25*

*Implementing acts*

1. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning:
  - (a) the time-limits and procedures **■ and the form of applications** for the recognition of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations pursuant to Articles 17 and 18 or for the withdrawal of such recognition pursuant to Article 19;
  - (b) the format, time-limits and procedures to be applied by by Member States for the communication to the Commission of any decision to grant or withdraw the recognition pursuant to Article 22.

***The provisions adopted under (a) shall, where appropriate, be adapted to specificities of small fisheries and aquaculture sectors.***

2. The implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(2).

## SECTION III

### EXTENSION OF RULES

#### *Article 26*

#### *Extension of rules of producer organisations*

1. A Member State may make the rules agreed within a producer organisation binding on producers who are not members of the organisation and who market any of the products within the area in which the producer organisation is representative, on condition that:
  - (a) the producer organisation ***has been established for a period of at least one year and*** is considered to be representative of production and marketing, ***including, where relevant, the small scale and artisanal sector,*** in one Member State and makes an application to the competent national authorities;
  - (b) the rules to be extended concern any of the measures for producer organisations laid down in **■ *point (a) to (c) of Article 8(1), and points (a) and (b) of Article 8(2) and (3);***  
  
***(ba) the rules governing free competition between undertakings are upheld.***
2. For the purposes of **■ *point (a) of paragraph 1*** a fishery producer organisation is **■ *considered to be*** representative where it accounts for at least **■ *55 %*** of the quantities marketed of the relevant product during the previous year in the area where it is proposed to extend the rules.
3. For the purposes of ***point (a)*** of paragraph 1 **■** an aquaculture producer organisation is considered to be representative where it **■ *accounts for*** at least 40 % of the quantities marketed of the relevant product during the previous year in the area where it is proposed to extend the rules.
4. The rules to be extended to non-members shall apply for a period between **■ 60 days and 12 months.**

## Article 27

### *Extension of rules of inter-branch organisations*

1. A Member State may make some of the agreements, decisions or concerted practices agreed on within an inter-branch organisation binding in a specific area or in specific areas on other operators who do not belong to the organisation on condition that:
  - (a) the inter-branch organisation **■ covers** at least 65 % of ***each of*** at least two of the following activities: production, ***processing or*** marketing **■** of the relevant product during the previous year in the area or areas concerned of a Member State, and makes an application to the competent national authorities; ***and***
  - (b) the rules to be extended to other operators concern any of the measures for inter-branch organisations laid down in Article 16(a) **■ to (g)** and do not cause any damage to other operators in the Member State concerned or the Union.
2. The extension of rules may be made binding for no more than three years, ***without prejudice to Article 29(4)***.

## Article 28

### *Liability*

When rules are extended to non-members according to Articles 26 and 27, the Member State concerned may decide that non-members are liable to the producer organisation or the inter-branch organisation for the equivalent of all or part of the costs paid by members resulting from the application of the extension of rules.

## Article 29

### *Authorisation by the Commission*

1. Member States shall notify the Commission of the rules which they intend to make binding on all producers or operators in a specific area or in specific areas pursuant to Articles 26 and 27.



2. The Commission shall adopt a decision authorising the extension of the rules notified by a Member State if:
- (a) the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 *respectively* are complied with;
  - (b) Chapter V on competition rules is complied with;
  - (c) the extension does not jeopardise free trade; *and*
  - (d) the objectives of Article 39 of the *Treaty* are not endangered.
3. Within **one** months of receipt of the notification, the Commission shall take a decision authorising or refusing to authorise the extension of rules and shall inform the Member States *thereof*. Where the Commission has not taken a decision within the **one**-month period, the extension of rules shall be deemed to have been authorised by the Commission.
4. *An authorised extension of rules may continue to be applied after the expiry of the initial period of time, including by tacit agreement, without an explicit renewal of the authorisation, provided that the Member State concerned has notified the Commission, at least one month before the expiry of such initial period, of the additional period of application and the Commission has either authorised such further application, or not objected to it within one month of receipt of such notification.*

*Article 30*

*Withdrawal of authorisation*

The Commission may carry out checks and may withdraw the authorisation of extension of rules in case it establishes that any of the requirements for the authorisation is not met. The Commission shall inform the Member States *thereof*.

*Article 31*

*Implementing acts*

Rules concerning the format and procedure of notification mentioned in Article 29(1) shall be established by the Commission by way of implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(2).

**SECTION IV**  
**PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PLANNING**

*Article 32*

*Production and marketing plan*

1. Each producer organisation shall submit a production and marketing plan *at least for their main marketed species* to **■** its competent national authorities *for approval. Such production and marketing plans shall be aimed at achieving ■* the objectives laid down in Articles 3 *and* 7.
2. *The production and marketing plan shall comprise:*
  - a) *a production programme for caught or farmed species;*
  - b) *a marketing strategy to match the quantity, quality and presentation of supply to market requirements;*
  - c) *measures to be taken by the producer organisation in order to contribute to the objectives laid down in Article 7;*
  - d) *special anticipatory measures to adjust the supply of species which habitually present marketing difficulties during the year;*
  - e) *sanctions applicable to members who infringe upon the decisions adopted to implement the plan.*
3. The **■** *competent national authorities* shall approve the plan. Once approved, the producer organisation shall immediately implement the plan.
4. Producer organisations may revise the production and marketing plan and the revision shall be communicated for approval to the competent *national* authorities **■** .
5. The producer organisation shall establish an annual report of its activities under the production and marketing plan referred to in paragraph 1, and shall submit it to the competent *national* authorities **■** *for approval.*

***Producer Organisations may receive financial support for the preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans in accordance with the EMFF Regulation.***

6. Member States shall carry out checks to ensure that each producer organisation fulfils the obligations provided for in this Article; ***a finding of non-compliance may result in the withdrawal of recognition.***

[Article 33: deleted]

#### *Article 34*

##### *Implementing acts*

1. ***The Commission shall adopt implementing acts concerning:***
  - a) ***the detailed rules for the format and structure of the production and marketing plan referred to in Article 32***
  - b) the rules of procedure and time-limits for the submission by producer organisations and the approval by Member States of the production and marketing plan referred to in Article 32 ■
2. ***The implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(2).***

## **Section V**

### **Stabilisation of the markets**

#### *Article 35*

##### *Storage mechanism*

***Fishery*** producer organisations may ■ ***receive financial support for*** storage of fishery products listed in Annex II to this Regulation, provided that ***the following conditions are met:***

- (a) ***conditions set out in [Article 70] of the EMFF Regulation;***
- (b) the products have been ■ ***placed on the market*** by producer organisations but for which a buyer has not been found at the trigger price referred to in Article 36;

- (c) the products meet the marketing standards **■** *established in accordance with* Article 39 and are of adequate quality for human consumption;
- (d) the products are stabilised or processed and stored *in tanks or cages, or* by way of freezing, either on board vessels or in land facilities, salting, drying, marinating, and, where relevant, boiling and pasteurisation. Filleting or cutting-up and, where appropriate, heading, may accompany one of the previous processes;
- (e) the products are reintroduced **■** *from storage into* the market for human consumption at a later stage.
- (f) *the products remain in storage for at least 5 days.*

#### *Article 36*

#### *Prices triggering the storage mechanism*

1. Before the beginning of each year, each producer organisation may individually make a proposal for a price triggering the storage mechanism referred to in Article 35 for fishery products listed in Annex II.
2. The trigger price **■** *shall* not exceed 80 % of the weighted average price recorded for the product in question in the area of activity of the producer organisation concerned during the three years immediately preceding the year for which the trigger price is fixed.
3. When determining the trigger price, account shall be taken of:
  - (a) trends in production and demand;
  - (b) the stabilisation of market prices;
  - (c) convergence of the markets;
  - (d) producers' incomes;
  - (e) consumers' interests.

4. Member States shall, upon examining the proposals of the producer organisations recognised in their territory, determine the trigger prices to be applied by the producer organisations. These prices shall be fixed on the basis of the criteria referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3. The prices shall be made publicly available.

*Article 37*

*Implementing acts*

Rules concerning the format of publication by Member States of the trigger prices pursuant to Article 36(4) shall be established by the Commission by way of implementing acts adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 51(2).

[Article 38: deleted]

## **Chapter III**

### **Marketing standards**

*Article 39*

*Establishment of marketing standards*

1. **Without prejudice to Article 53a concerning existing marketing standards**, Common marketing standards may be laid down for the **fishery** products **that are** listed in Annex I, **regardless of their origin (European Union or imported), and are** intended for human consumption.
2. The standards referred to in paragraph 1 may **relate to quality, size or weight, packing, presentation and labelling of the products, and** in particular to:
  - (a) minimum marketing sizes taking into account the best available scientific advice **;** **such minimum marketing sizes shall correspond, where relevant, to minimum** conservation reference sizes **in accordance with Article 15(5)** of the Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy;

- (b) specifications of **preserved** products in accordance with conservation requirements and international obligations

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply without prejudice to:

- (a) *Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety*<sup>16</sup>;
- (b) *Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs*<sup>17</sup>;
- (c) Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin<sup>18</sup>;
- (d) *Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption*<sup>19</sup>;
- (e) *Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules*<sup>20</sup>;
- (f) Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing<sup>21</sup>; and
- (g) Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy<sup>22</sup>.

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<sup>16</sup> OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1  
<sup>17</sup> OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1  
<sup>18</sup> OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55  
<sup>19</sup> OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 83  
<sup>20</sup> OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1  
<sup>21</sup> OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 1  
<sup>22</sup> OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1

*Article 40*

*Compliance with marketing standards*

1. The products ***intended for human consumption*** for which marketing standards have been laid down may be ***made available on the market*** in the Union only in accordance with those standards.
2. All fishery products landed, including those not complying with marketing standards, may be **■ *used for purposes other than direct human consumption, including fishmeal, fish oil, pet food, food additives, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics.***

[Article 41: deleted]

## **Chapter IV**

### **Consumer information**

*Article 42*

*Mandatory information*

1. ***Without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011***, fishery and aquaculture products referred to in points (a), (b), (c), and (e) of Annex I which are marketed within the Union, irrespective of their origin ***or of the marketing method***, may only be offered **■ *for sale*** to the final consumer ***or to a mass caterer***, where appropriate marking or labelling indicates:
  - (a) The commercial designation of the species ***and its scientific name***;
  - (b) The production method, in particular by the following words “...caught...” or “...caught in freshwater..” or “...farmed...”;
  - (c) the area where the product was caught or farmed, ***and the gear category used in capture fisheries, in accordance with Annex III***;
  - (d) whether the product **■** has been defrosted;

*(e) the date of minimum durability.*

*This requirement shall not apply to:*

- i) ingredients present in the final product;*
  - ii) foods for which freezing is a technologically necessary step of the production process;*
  - iii) fisheries and aquaculture products previously frozen for health safety purposes, in accordance with Annex III, Section VIII, of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;*
  - iv) fisheries and aquaculture products which have been defrosted before the process of smoking, salting, cooking, pickling, drying or a combination of those processes.*
- 2. For non-prepacked fishery and aquaculture products, the mandatory information listed in paragraph 1 may be provided for sale at retail by means of commercial information such as bill boards or posters.*
  - 3. Where a mixed product is offered for sale to the final consumer or to a mass caterer consisting of the same species but derived from a variety of production methods, the method for each batch must be stated. Where a mixed product is offered for sale to the final consumer or to a mass caterer consisting of the same species but derived from a variety of catch areas or fishfarming countries, at least the area of the batch which is most representative in terms of quantity must be stated, together with an indication that the products also come from different catch or fish-farming areas.*
  - 4. Member States may exempt from the requirements in paragraph 1 small quantities of products sold directly from fishing vessels to consumers, provided that these do not exceed the value referred to in Article 58(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.*
  - 5. Fisheries and aquaculture products and packages labelled or marked prior to the date of entry into force of this Article which do not comply with this Article may be marketed until such stocks have been used up.*



*Article 42a*

*Eco-labelling reporting*

*After consulting Member States and stakeholders, the Commission shall, by 1st January 2015, submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a feasibility report on options for an eco-label scheme for fisheries and aquaculture products, in particular on establishing such a scheme Union-wide and on setting minimum requirements for the use by Member States of an EU eco-label.*

*Article 43*

*Commercial designation*

1. For the purposes of Article 42, **paragraph 1**, the Member States shall draw up and publish a list of the commercial designations accepted in their territory, **together with their scientific names**. The list shall indicate:
  - (a) the scientific name for each species, according to the FishBase Information System **or according to the FAO AFSIS database, where relevant**;
  - (b) **the commercial designation**:
    - (i) **the name of the species** in the official language **or languages** of the Member State;
    - (ii) where applicable, **in addition to those referred to in points (a) and (b) (i)**, any other name or names **that are** accepted or permitted locally or regionally.
2. **All species of fish where the fish constitutes an ingredient of another food may be designated as "fish", provided that the name and presentation of such food does not refer to a specific species**
3. **Any changes to the list of commercial designations accepted by a Member State shall be notified forthwith to the Commission, which shall inform the other Member States thereof.**

*Article 44*

*Indication of the catch or production area*

1. The indication of the catch or production area in accordance with **point (i) of Article 42(1)** shall consist of the following:
  - (a) in the case of fishery products caught at sea, the name ***in writing of the sub-area or division*** listed in the FAO Fishing Areas **as well as the name of such zone expressed in terms understandable to the consumer, or a map or pictogram showing that zone. By way of derogation, for fishery products caught in waters other than the Northeast Atlantic (FAO Fishing Area 27) and the Mediterranean and Black Sea (FAO Fishing Area 37), the indication of the name of the FAO fishing area shall be sufficient.**
  - (b) in the case of fishery products caught in freshwater, a reference to the ***body of water of origin in the*** Member State or third country of provenance of the product;
  - (c) In the case of aquaculture products, a reference to the Member State or third country in which the product ***has reached more than half of its final weight or has stayed for more than half of the rearing period or, in the case of shellfish, has undergone a final rearing or cultivation stage of at least six months.***
2. In addition to the information referred to in paragraph 1, operators may indicate a more precise catch or production area.

*Article 45*

*Additional voluntary information*

1. In addition to the mandatory information required pursuant to Article 42, the following information may be provided on a voluntary basis, ***on condition that it is clear and unambiguous:***
  - (a) ***the date of catch of fishery products or date of harvest of aquaculture products;***
  - (b) ***the date of landing of fishery products or information on the port at which the products were landed;***
  - (c) ***the type of fishing gear in more detail, as listed in Annex III;***

*(ca) in the case of fishery products caught at sea, details of the flag State of the vessel that caught the products;*

(d) environmental information;

(e) ethical or social information;

(f) information on production techniques;

(g) information on production practices;

(h) information on the nutritional content of the product.

2. *A QR code may be used outlining part or all of the information listed in Article 42(1).*

3. Voluntary information shall not be displayed to the detriment of the space available for mandatory information on the marking or labelling.

3a. *No voluntary information shall be included that cannot be verified.*

[Article 46: deleted]

## **Chapter V**

### **Competition rules**

#### *Article 47*

#### *Application of competition rules*

Articles 101 to 106 of the treaty and their implementing provisions shall apply to agreements, decisions and practices referred to in Articles 101(1) and 102 of the treaty which relate to production or marketing of fishery and aquaculture products.

*Article 48*

*Exceptions to the application of competition rules*

1. Notwithstanding Article 47 of this Regulation, Article 101(1) of the treaty shall not apply to agreements, decisions and practices of producer organisations which concern the production or sale of fishery and aquaculture products, or the use of joint facilities for the storage, treatment or processing of fishery and aquaculture products, and which
  - (a) are necessary to attain the objectives set out in Article 39 of the treaty and;
  - (b) do not imply any obligation to charge identical prices;
  - (c) do not lead to the partitioning of markets in any form within the Union;
  - (d) do not exclude competition; **and**
  - (e) do not eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question;
  
2. Notwithstanding Article 47 of this Regulation, Article 101(1) of the treaty shall not apply to agreements, decisions and practices of inter-branch organisations which
  - (a) are necessary to attain the objectives set out in Article 39 of the Treaty ■ ;
  - (b) do not entail any obligation to apply a fixed price;
  - (c) do not lead to the partitioning of markets in any form within the Union;
  - (d) do not apply dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading partners, thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage;
  - (e) do not eliminate competition in respect of a substantial proportion of the products in question; **and**
  - (f) do not restrict competition in ways which are not essential for the achievement of the goals of the Common Fisheries Policy.

# Chapter VI

## Market intelligence

### *Article 49*

#### *Market Intelligence*

1. The Commission shall:

- (a) gather, analyse and disseminate economic knowledge and understanding of the Union market for fishery and aquaculture products along the supply chain, taking into account the international context;
- (ab) provide practical support to producer organisations and inter-branch organisations to better coordinate information between market operators and processors.***
- (b) survey prices regularly along the Union supply chain for fishery and aquaculture products and conduct analyses on market trends;
- (c) provide ad-hoc market studies and a methodology for price formation surveys.

2. In order to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall make use of the following measures:

- (a) facilitate access to available data on fishery and aquaculture products collected pursuant to the Union legislation;
- (b) make market information such as prices surveys, market analyses and studies, available to all the stakeholders and the general public in an accessible and understandable manner. This is without prejudice to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data.***

3. Member States shall contribute to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 1.

## **Chapter VII**

### **Procedural provisions**

[Article 50: deleted]

#### *Article 51*

#### *Implementation*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee. That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

## **Chapter VIII**

### **Final provisions**

#### *Article 52*

#### *Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006*

In Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 the following words are added:

"and Regulation (UE) No .... of the European Parliament and of the Council, of .... on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (\*)

(\*) OJ..."

*Article 52a*

*Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 and transitional measures*

*Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 is hereby amended as follows:*

*(a) the following sentences are added to Article 57(1): “Member States shall undertake checks to ensure compliance. The checks may take place at all marketing stages and during transport.”*

*(b) in Article 58(5), points (g) and (h) are replaced by the following:*

*“(g) the information to consumers provided for in Article 42 of Regulation (EU) No .../2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (\*);”*

*(h) the scientific name.*

*(\*) OJ ...”.*

*Article 53*

*Repeal*

Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 is hereby repealed. *However, Article 4 shall apply until 12 December 2014.*

References to the repealed Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex III.

## Article 53a

### *Rules establishing common marketing standards*

***Rules establishing common marketing standards, in particular Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89 of 21 June 1989 laying down common marketing standards for preserved sardine, Council Regulation (EEC) No 1536/92 laying down common marketing standards for preserved tuna and bonito, Council Regulation (EC) 2406/96 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products, as well as other rules adopted for the application of common marketing standards such as Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3703/85 laying down detailed rules for applying the common marketing standards for certain fresh or chilled fish, shall continue to apply.***

## Article 54

### *Review*

The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of the application of this Regulation before the end of **2022**.

## Article 55

### *Entry into force*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January **2014**, with the exception of **Chapter IV and Article 52a** which shall apply from **13 December 2014**.

***Articles 25, 31, 34 and 37 shall apply from 1 November 2013.***

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.



## ANNEX I

<b>CN code</b>	<b>Description of goods</b>
(a) 0301	Live fish
0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304
0303	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304
0304	Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen
(b) 0305	Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption
(c) 0306	Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption
0307	Molluscs, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans, fit for human consumption
(d)	Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption:  - Other  - - Products of fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates; dead animals of Chapter 3:  - - - Fish waste  0511 91 10 - - - Other  0511 91 90
(e) 1212 20 00	- Seaweeds and other algae

- (f) Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified:
- Fish-liver oils and their fractions
  - 1504 10 - Fats and oils and their fractions, of fish, other than liver oils
  - 1504 20
- (g) 1603 00 Extracts and juices of meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates
- (h) 1604 Prepared or preserved fish; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs
- (i) 1605 Crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved
- (j) Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared
- 1902 20 - Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared:
  - 1902 20 10 - - Containing more than 20 % by weight of fish, crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates
- (k) Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption; greaves:
- 2301 20 00 - Flours, meals and pellets, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates
- (l) Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding
- 2309 90 - Other:
  - ex 2309 90 - - Fish solubles
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## ANNEX II

<b>CN Code</b>	<b>Description of the goods</b>
0302 22 00	Plaice ( <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i> )
ex 0302 29 90	Dab ( <i>Limanda limanda</i> )
0302 29 10	Megrim ( <i>Lepidorhombus</i> spp.)
ex 0302 29 90	Flounder ( <i>Platichthys flesus</i> )
0302 31 10	Albacore or longfinned tunas ( <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> )
and	
0302 31 90	
ex 0302 40	Herring of the species <i>Clupea harengus</i>
0302 50 10	Cod of the species <i>Gadus morhua</i>
0302 61 10	Sardines of the species <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>
<b>ex 0302 61 80</b>	<b><i>Sprat (sprattus sprattus)</i></b>
0302 62 00	Haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )
0302 63 00	Coalfish ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )
ex 0302 64	Mackerel of the species <i>Scomber scombrus</i> and <i>Scomber japonicus</i>
0302 65 20	Dogfish ( <i>Squalus acanthias</i> and <i>Scyliorhinus</i> spp.)
and	
0302 65 50	
0302 69 31	Redfish ( <i>Sebastes</i> spp.)
and	
0302 69 33	
0302 69 41	Whiting ( <i>Merlangius merlangus</i> )
0302 69 45	Ling ( <i>Molva</i> spp.)
0302 69 55	Anchovies ( <i>Engraulis</i> spp.)
ex 0302 69 68	Hake of the species <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>
0302 69 81	Monkfish ( <i>Lophius</i> spp.)
<b>ex 0302 69 99</b>	<b><i>Dolphin-fish (Coryphaena hippurus)</i></b>
ex 0307 41 10	Cuttlefish ( <i>Sepia officinalis</i> and <i>Rossia macrosoma</i> )
ex 0306 23 10	Shrimps of the species <i>Crangon crangon</i> and deepwater prawn ( <i>Pandalus borealis</i> )
ex 0306 23 31	
ex 0306 23 39	

0302 23 00	Sole ( <i>Solea</i> spp.)
0306 24 30	Edible crabs ( <i>Cancer pagurus</i> )
0306 29 30	Norway lobsters ( <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i> )
0303 31 10	Lesser or Greenland halibut ( <i>Reinhardtius hipoglossoides</i> )
0303 78 11	Hake of the genus <i>Merluccius</i>
0303 78 12	
0303 78 13	
0303 78 19	
and	
0303 29 55	
0304 29 56	
0304 29 58	
0303 79 71	Sea bream ( <i>Dentex dentex</i> and <i>Pagellus</i> spp.)
0303 61 00	Swordfish ( <i>Xiphias Gladius</i> )
0304 21 00	
0304 91 00	
0306 13 40	Shrimps of the family <i>Penaeidae</i>
0306 13 50	
ex 0306 13 80	
0307 49 18	Cuttlefish of the species <i>Sepia officinalis</i> , <i>Rossia macrosoma</i> and <i>Sepiola rondeletti</i>
0307 49 01	
0307 49 31	Squid ( <i>Loligo</i> spp.)
0307 49 33	
0307 49 35	
and	
0307 49 38	
0307 49 51	Squid ( <i>Ommastrephes sagittatus</i> )
0307 59 10	Octopus ( <i>Octopus</i> spp.)
0307 99 11	<i>Illex</i> spp.
0303 41 10	Albacore or longfinned tuna ( <i>Thunnus alalunga</i> )

0302 32 10	Yellowfin tunas ( <i>Thunnus albacares</i> )
0303 42 12	
0303 42 18	
0303 42 42	
0303 42 48	
0302 33 10	Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito ( <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i> )
0303 43 10	
0303 45 10	Bluefin tuna ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> )
0302 39 10	Other species of the genera <i>Thunnus</i> and <i>Euthynnus</i>
0302 69 21	
0303 49 30	
0303 79 20	
ex 0302 29 90	Lemon sole ( <i>Microstomus kitt</i> )
0302 35 10	Bluefin tunas ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> )
and	
0302 35 90	
ex 0302 69 51	Pollack ( <i>Pollachius pollachius</i> )
0302 69 75	Ray's bream ( <i>Brama</i> spp.)
ex 0302 69 82	Blue whiting ( <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> or <i>Gadus poutassou</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Pout ( <i>Trisopterus luscus</i> ) and poor cod ( <i>Trisopterus minutus</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Bogues ( <i>Boops boops</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Picarel ( <i>Spicara smaris</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Conger ( <i>Conger conger</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Gurnard ( <i>Trigla</i> spp.)
ex 0302 69 91	Horse mackerel ( <i>Trachurus</i> spp.)
ex 0302 69 99	
ex 0302 69 99	Mullet ( <i>Mugil</i> spp.)
ex 0302 69 99	Skate ( <i>Raja</i> spp.)
and	
ex 0304 19 99	
ex 0302 69 99	Scabbard fish ( <i>Lepidopus caudatus</i> and <i>Aphanopus carbo</i> )

ex 0307 21 00	Common scallop ( <i>Pecten maximums</i> )
ex 0307 91 00	Common whelk ( <i>Buccinum undatum</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Striped or red mullet ( <i>Mullus surmuletus</i> , <i>Mullus barbatus</i> )
ex 0302 69 99	Black sea bream ( <i>Spondyliosoma cantharus</i> )

### ANNEX III

#### *Mandatory information on the type of fishing gear*

*Corresponding detailed gears and codes, in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011*

#### *Seines*

<i>Beach seines</i>	<i>SB</i>
<i>Danish seines</i>	<i>SDN</i>
<i>Scottish seines</i>	<i>SSC</i>
<i>Pair seines</i>	<i>SPR</i>

#### *Trawls*

<i>Beam trawl</i>	<i>TBB</i>
<i>Bottom otter trawl</i>	<i>OTB</i>
<i>Bottom pair trawls</i>	<i>PTB</i>
<i>Midwater otter trawls</i>	<i>OTM</i>
<i>Pelagic pair trawls</i>	<i>PTM</i>
<i>Otter twin trawls</i>	<i>OTT</i>

#### *Gillnets and similar nets*

<i>Set (anchored) gill nets</i>	<i>GNS</i>
<i>Driftnet</i>	<i>GND</i>
<i>Encircling gill nets</i>	<i>GNC</i>
<i>Trammel nets</i>	<i>GTR</i>
<i>Combined trammel and gill nets</i>	<i>GTN</i>

#### *Surrounding nets and lift nets*

<i>Purse seines</i>	<i>PS</i>
<i>Lampara nets</i>	<i>LA</i>
<i>Boat operated life nets</i>	<i>LNB</i>
<i>Shore-operated stationary lift nets</i>	<i>LNS</i>

*Hooks and lines*

<i>Hand lines and pole lines (hand operated)</i>	<i>LHP</i>
<i>Hand lines and pole lines (mechanised)</i>	<i>LHM</i>
<i>Set longlines</i>	<i>LLS</i>
<i>Longlines (drifting)</i>	<i>LLD</i>
<i>Troll lines</i>	<i>LTL</i>

*Dredges*

<i>Boat dredges</i>	<i>DRB</i>
<i>Hand dredges used on board a vessel</i>	<i>DRH</i>
<i>Mechanised dredges including suction dredge</i>	<i>HMD</i>

*Pots and traps*

<i>Pots (traps)</i>	<i>FPO</i>
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**ANNEX IV**  
**CORRELATION TABLE**

Regulation (EC) No 104/2000	This Regulation
Article 1	Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
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Article 4	Articles 42, 43, 44, 45, 46
Article 5(1)	Articles 6, 7, 8, 12, 13
Articles 5(2), 5(3), 5(4), 6	Articles 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25
Article 7	Articles 26, 28, 29, 30, 31
Article 8	-
Articles 9, 10, 11, 12	Articles 32, 34, 38
Article 13	Articles 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25
Article 14	Article 48(2)
Article 15	Article 27
Article 16	Articles 28, 29, 30, 31
Articles 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Articles 35, 36, 37
Articles 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33	-
Article 34	Articles 22, 25, 37
Article 35	-
Article 36	-
Article 37	Articles 51
Articles 38, 39	Article 51
Article 40	-
Article 41	Article 54
Article 42	Articles 52, 53
Article 43	Article 55
-	Article 47
-	Article 48(1)
-	Article 49

Draft Statement by the European Parliament and by the Council on control rules in the area of  
product traceability and consumer information

As a follow-up to the reform of the Regulation on Common Organisation of the Markets for fishery and aquaculture products, the European Parliament and the Council invite the European Commission to submit to them a proposal aiming at amending the Control Regulation (Regulation No 1224/2009). Such amendment should take into account the need for regulating the provision of gear type information as regards products derived from wild capture fisheries.

The European Parliament and the Council also invite the Commission to adopt, in due time, the necessary amendments to the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 as regards the mandatory information to the consumer in order to take into account the provisions of this Regulation, the Control Regulation, as amended, and Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.