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to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council  
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  
*- Political agreement*

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**1. Statement by France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Portugal, Greece and Malta  
on mandatory consumer information**

France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Portugal, Greece and Malta consider that new mandatory consumer information, in particular on the gear category used by fishermen, the date of minimum durability or the indication of the catch or production area, as well as concerning freshwater fishery, a reference to the body of water shall not generate excessive constraints and administrative burdens for Member States and their operators.

## **2. Declaración de España sobre la información obligatoria al consumidor relativa al arte de pesca utilizado**

### **Artículo 42**

España considera que la nueva información obligatoria al consumidor no debe crear perjuicios al sector y, en particular destaca que la obligación de incluir el arte de pesca será sin prejuzgar negativamente o discriminar otros artes de pesca autorizados por la UE y que se utilicen de acuerdo con la normativa comunitaria vigente.

### **Courtesy translation: Statement by Spain concerning consumer information on the fishing gear used**

#### **Article 42**

Spain considers that the new compulsory information to the consumers should not create any prejudice to the fishing industry and, more specifically, underlines that the obligation to include the fishing gear type will be done excluding any prejudice or discrimination among the different fishing gears authorized by the Union and used in accordance with current Community legislation.

## **3. Commission statement**

### **Ad Article 42**

The Commission regrets that the agreement between the co-legislators have removed from the Commission's proposal the obligation to indicate the "date of catch" and the "date of harvest" for fishery and aquaculture products, respectively. The Commission considers that these dates provide essential information for consumers. The indication of dates of catch and harvest clearly benefit Union's small-scale fishers and farmers, and promote short distribution channels for fishery and aquaculture products.

The Commission also regrets that the co-legislators have removed from the Commission's proposal the application of certain labelling requirements to preserved and prepared products, i.e. commercial name, production method and provenance. The Commission believes that these requirements respond to the growing public demand for information about the content of preserved and prepared products. This is also an essential matter for the credibility and value of Union's production.

The Commission would like to reiterate that the above labelling improvements proposed by the Commission would not impose any disproportionate burden on the fishing industry as they build on the existing traceability requirements.

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