

Brussels Weekly Update - 02/11/2017

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE, TRADE AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

- [Risks for public health related to the presence of furan and methylfurans in food](#). Source EFSA.

On 25 October the EU Food Safety Authority has published a scientific opinion on the risk to human health of the presence of furan and methylfurans (2-methylfuran, 3-methylfuran, and 2,5-dimethylfuran) in food. EFSA has reported that “consumer exposure to furan and methylfurans in food could lead to possible long-term liver damage.” The most exposed group of people are infants, mainly through consumption of ready-to-eat jarred or canned foods.

- [EU team to visit Paradip fishing harbour next month](#). Source The New Indian Express.

A EU delegation will reportedly visit Paradip (India) in November to assess whether the production of fishery products destined for export to the EU are in line with the requirements laid down in EU legislation.

- [Future climate change may not adversely impact seafood quality, research suggests](#). Source Plymouth University

An study from the University of Plymouth has found that the eating qualities of UK oysters may not be adversely affected by future ocean acidification and global warming. Scientists used the Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*) and samples were exposed to CO₂ and temperature levels currently projected to occur in the year 2100. After five days, a panel of five experts was then asked to assess the samples in terms of their appearance, aroma, taste and overall acceptability. The results showed the overall acceptability was not diminished by the increased levels, while some aspects of the oysters' texture and appearance was actually even better.

- [Requirements concerning the official controls on fishery products caught by vessels flying the flag of Member States entering the EU after being transferred in third countries](#). Source European Official Journal.

On 30 October, a new EU Regulation was published as regards official controls on fishery products caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State and introduced into Union after being transferred in third countries and establishing a model health certificate for those products.

Fishery products intended for human consumption caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State, unloaded, with or without storage, in third countries before entering the Union by a different means of transportation, must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the CA of that third country and completed in accordance with a model indicated in the Regulation. This health certificate should include: the third country where the transfer takes place; the storage facility where the fishery product was unloaded and transported in the third country; if the fishery products are loaded in a vessel flying the flag of a third country, that third country must be listed and the vessel must appear in a list.

Agendas:

- [Committee for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund \(EMFF\)](#). 07/11/2017.
- [Working Party on Internal & External Fisheries Policy](#). 09-10/11/2017.
- [EU Platform on Animal Welfare](#). 10/11/2017.

Useful links:

- [EUMOFA Case study: Gilt-head seabream in Italy](#).
- [Finfish Study 2017](#). AIPCE-CEP.
- [Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy](#).

- [Commission Regulation \(EU\) .../... of XXX amending Annex VII to Regulation \(EC\) 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the EU reference laboratories in the field of contaminants in feed and food.](#)
 - [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1970 of 27 October 2017 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation \(EU\) 2017/127.](#)
 - [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1980 of 31 October 2017 amending Annex III to Regulation \(EC\) No 2074/2005 as regards paralytic shellfish poison \(PSP\) detection method.](#)
 - [EU-Republic of Mauritius fishing opportunities and the Fisheries Partnership Agreement.](#)
 - [Tuna and tuna loins in Eastern and Southern Africa, Salted Snoek around Mauritius.](#)
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Events:

- [2nd ASEM Conference on SPS- Food safety new policies, new challenges, new cooperation and technical aspects.](#)