

EU INSTITUTIONS

- **European Parliament:**

Parliamentary Questions: Members of the EP (MEP) can submit questions for written answer to the European Commission (among other EU Institutions). The content of questions is the sole responsibility of their author(s), and an MEP can submit a maximum of five questions per month. Below, the Commission have responded to three EP questions related to Brexit.

- [The UK's contribution to the EU budget in the 2007-13 budgetary cycle](#)- Tibor Szanyi (S&D)
- [UK Debt to the EU upon its Exit](#)- Marcus Pretzell (ENF)
- [Brexit Calculations](#)- Jonathan Arnott (EFDD)

- **European Commission:**

- [Third Round of Brexit Negotiations due to Start Next Week.](#)
- [Commission Response to the UK Position Papers Published This Week.](#)

European Commission Spokesperson Alexander Winterstein responded to questions on the UK papers from reporters saying: "You will not be surprised to hear me refraining from injecting myself into an intra-UK debate on their positions. Our own position is very clear, is very transparent, and is unchanged." He explained that the EU is looking forward to "the next negotiation round, where we expect and we hope to make progress on the three main issues that we and the EU27 have set out that need to be clarified upfront."

MORE INFORMATION

The UK Government published four policy papers relating to Brexit this week:

1. [A Future Partnership Paper: Enforcement and Dispute Resolution.](#) Source .gov.uk

The paper suggests the UK would negotiate a new legal framework for the transition period, but does not rule out the continued jurisdiction of the CJEU in the UK, during such period. The paper discusses "arrangements for judicial supervision" during a transition period but suggests it would be unprecedented to give the CJEU authority over UK-EU disputes. The paper clarified that the rights of EU citizens living in the UK after Brexit would be subject to British law only and suggests EU judges could contribute to UK affairs during a transition period and in overseeing a future EU-UK trade deal.

2. [UK Position Paper on Continuity in the Availability of Goods for the EU & UK.](#) Source .gov.uk

In this paper; the UK Government seeks to ensure that goods already on the market before exit day can continue to be sold in the UK and EU without additional restrictions. With regards to agri-food and fisheries products; the paper states "In order to maintain legal certainty for producers in the UK and the EU, an equivalent definition to the specific sectoral approach to 'placing on the market' in Regulation 178/2002 should be used so that any food and feed falling within the scope of that definition before the date of withdrawal can continue to be made available." The paper proposes to avoid unnecessary duplication of compliance activities and calls for existing consumer protections to remain in place.

3. [UK Position Paper on Confidentiality and Access to Documents.](#) Source .gov.uk

This paper directly responds to the EU's paper on "Issues relating to the Functioning of the Union Institutions, Agencies and Bodies." The UK recognises the importance of continuing to respect obligations of confidentiality and to protect information exchanged whilst a Member State. It also considers that arrangements agreed on confidentiality and the handling of information produced whilst

Member State should be reciprocal, affording an equivalent level of protection to the UK and EU after the UK's withdrawal, these protections should also be equivalent to those in existing regimes.

4. [A Future Partnership Paper: The Exchange and Protection of Personal Data](#). Source .gov.uk
With the new Data Protection Bill; the UK's domestic data protection rules will be aligned with the EU's on exit day. The paper discusses that after leaving the EU, the UK will continue to play a leading global role in data protection standards, working alongside the EU. The paper also suggests new arrangements to govern the continued free flow of personal data between the EU and UK.

- [Statistics on UK-EU Trade](#). Source House of Commons Library
- [The Brexit Customs Vision- Frictions and Fictions](#). Source CEPS

Events:

- [Next Steps for UK Food Labelling Policy and Opportunities Post-Brexit](#). Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum. 12th September 2017.
- [The Common Fisheries Policy Post-Brexit](#). British Institute of International and Comparative Law. London. 12th September 2017.
- [Brexit: Legal Consequences for the EU](#). Source Academy of European Law. 28 September.

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE, TRADE AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

- [FVO audit report on fishery products from Chile](#). Source FVO

FVO carried out an audit mission in Chile from 2nd to 12th May 2017, to evaluate whether the official control system put in place by the competent authority can guarantee that the conditions of production of fishery products in Chile destined for export to the EU are in line with the requirements laid down in EU legislation and in particular with the health attestations contained in the model health certificate laid down in Appendix IV to Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005.

There is an official control system in place in Chile that covers the production, processing and distribution of fishery products, which allows the Chilean competent authority to guarantee that fishery products comply with relevant elements of the export health certificate. However, the system is weakened by shortcomings in the temperatures for storage of fishery products, the lack of proficiency testing in the laboratory visited and the issuing of an export health certificate in a language in which the signing officer may not be competent.

- [The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines: Global Implementation](#). Source FAO

Two-thirds of the caught fish that humans eat are taken by small-scale fishers. This new FAO study maps the policy dilemmas affecting the small-scale fisheries who often struggle to compete due to the regulatory frameworks that ignore them or are tailored to the concerns of large commercial fleets. The study offers more than 30 case studies ranging from Greenland to Zanzibar and serves as an initial report on progress in implementing the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication.

- [Guidance on food safety management systems for small food retailers: the application of hazard identification, ranking and control in butcher, grocery, bakery, fish and ice cream shops](#). Source DG SANTE

This guidance was extracted from EFSA's Panel on Biological Hazards opinion on "hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments in view of the application of their food safety management systems". The guidance offers a simplified approach to food safety management for fish shops based on specific process stages. It provides information on the hazards, activities contributing to increased/decreased occurrence of the hazard and control activities.

- [Regional Ocean Governance in Europe: The Role of Fisheries](#). Source European Parliament

In the context of fisheries; this study examines regional ocean governance in the European regional seas. It assesses key regional organisations (the Regional Fisheries Management Organisations

(RFMOs) and Regional Seas Conventions (RSCs)) examining the mechanisms by which they cooperate and coordinate as well as their outcomes, within the context of EU policy.

MORE INFORMATION:

- [Draft Report: Proposal for Technical Amendment to the Common Fisheries Policy](#). Source European Parliament

The European Parliament's draft report on the proposed amendment to the CFP regulations to temporarily extend the Commission's empowerment to adopt discard plans through delegated acts until the multiannual plans also covering the implementation of the landing obligation, at sea basin level and species, are in place.

- [New EFSA Guidance on 'Weight of Evidence' and 'Biological Relevance'](#). Source EFSA
- Two new guidance documents – on the weight-of-evidence approach and biological relevance assessment – will help to further harmonise methodologies across the areas in which EFSA works.
- [Provisional Agenda for the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene's 48th Session](#). Source Codex
 - [CETA's Provisional Application Starts in September](#). Source Business Europe

Events:

- [Scientific Seminar on the status of European fish stocks](#). 27 September. Brussels.
- [Safeguarding the Food Chain - Protecting Authenticity and Integrity](#). October 5-6. Dublin.
- [Our Ocean 2017](#). 5-6 October. Malta.
- [Humber Seafood Summit](#). October 10-11. Grimsby.

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