

Brussels Weekly Update - 15/11/2017

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE, TRADE AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

- [Automatic increase of an autonomous tariff quota](#). EU Official Journal.

According to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/2265, the volume of the following tariff quota is increased as follows for the 2017 calendar year:

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Annual amount of quota (tons)	Quota duty	Quota period
09.2759	ex 0302 51 10	20	Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> , <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>) and fish of the species <i>Boreogadus saida</i> , excluding livers and roes, fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾	90 000	0 %	1.1.2017-31.12.2017
	ex 0302 51 90	10				
	ex 0302 59 10	10				
	ex 0303 63 10	10				
	ex 0303 63 30	10				
	ex 0303 63 90	10				
	ex 0303 69 10	10				

- [EU and Chile to start negotiations for a modernised Association Agreement](#). Source DG TRADE.

A first round of negotiations between the EU and Chile for a modernised Association Agreement will take place on 16 November, in Brussels. This follows the decision taken today by EU Member States to approve the mandate for the European Union to conduct these negotiations.

The aim is to update the 14-year-old EU-Chile Association Agreement to bring its political and cooperation ambitions and trade provisions into line with the EU's modern agreements. A second round will take place in early 2018.

- [Uruguay: Changes on labelling Requirements for Fish Products](#). Source DG TRADE

Specific labelling requirements as determined by the National Directorate for Aquatic Resources (DINARA) under the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fishery (MGAP) are to be met for fish and fish products to be marketed in Uruguay. According to the corresponding stipulations, labels of said products must be previously approved by the DINARA and imprinted, attached or adhered to the products or their packaging or wrapping. The following details must be contained on the labels in Spanish:

- denomination of the product with the indication of the common and scientific name or of the respective species which are contained therein
- identification of the manufacturer
- name and address of the authorised processing establishment
- name and domicile address of the importer or distributor, as applicable
- origin
- net weight, unless the container or label indicates that the content is to be weighted at the time of sale to the public
- ingredients of each package, when there is more than one ingredient, listed in decreasing order of their proportions
- date of production
- date of expiry

- the words "inspeccionado por DINARA" (inspected by the DINARA; with regard to the product)
- the words "aprobado por DINARA" (approved by the DINARA; with regard to the label)
- Registration of Importers of Fish Products number.
- [Fish in a new climate](#). Source Research EU.

By the end of the century, seawater temperatures could rise between 2 and 4 ° centigrade, according to the most pessimistic forecasts of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Oysters and other species of high commercial value are being studied in a European research project aimed at understanding how climate change will influence Europe's fish and shellfish resources – and how the industry can adapt to those changes. For more information on this EU project please follow this [LINK](#).

Agendas:

- [EP PECH Committee](#). 21/11/2017.
 - [87th plenary meeting of the CONTAM Panel](#). 21-22-23/11/2017.
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EP Questions:

- [Fraud in the sale of preserved frigate labelled as albacore](#). Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE)
 - [Expansion of the great cormorant](#). Nils Torvalds (ALDE).
 - [Infringement proceedings against Portugal for IUU fishing](#). João Ferreira (GUE/NGL)
 - [Impact of electric pulse fishing on fish stocks in the southern North Sea](#). Tom Vandenkendelaere (PPE)
 - [Fish quota monopoly](#). Nicola Caputo (S&D)
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Useful links:

- [Twenty Fourth Annual Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna \(CCSBT 24\) held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 12 October 2017](#).
 - [EUMOFA Monthly Highlights No. 9/2017](#).
 - [Thrown Away: How Illegal Discarding in the Baltic Sea is Failing EU Fisheries and Citizens](#).
 - [Aquaculture Europe 2017 Dubrovnik presentations](#).
 - [Ending Illegal Fishing Project: A Global System of Enforcement](#) (The Pew Charitable Trusts).
 - [Report of the 2017 meeting of the Scientific Committee to the EU-Morocco FSA](#).
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Events:

- [2nd ASEM Conference on SPS- Food safety new policies, new challenges, new cooperation and technical aspects](#). 5-6 December. Brussels.
- [The end of the European Organic Label?](#) 21 November, Brussels.