

### **Seafish EU alert monitoring 18/12/15 - 31/12/15**

#### **Food Safety and Food Fraud**

##### **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2014.**

The report on monitoring of irradiated foods found at the marketing stage in the EU for 2014 has been published. For seafood there were 26 compliant, 2 inconclusive and 0 non-compliant samples.

The report is not available on line please contact [F\\_wright@seafish.co.uk](mailto:F_wright@seafish.co.uk) for a copy.

#### **IUU**

##### **Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries: DG MARE - Commissioner congratulates Ghana on progress made in the fight against illegal fishing – source European Commission**

Commissioner Karmenu Vella, responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, today met with Sherry Ayittey, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development of Ghana.

The Commissioner thanked Ghana, and the Minister personally, for the strong commitment shown in tackling illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The progress made, in close cooperation with the EU, resulted in the lifting of the EU's "yellow card" on 1 October this year. More details [here](#)

#### **Common Fisheries Policy**

##### **Draft Report on Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy - source European Parliament Committee on Fisheries**

Proposed amendments made by PECH Committee can be viewed [here](#)

##### **Question for written answer on the consultation of advisory councils in the process of drafting regionalised delegated acts and implementing acts under the common fisheries policy (CFP) – source Parliamentary Register**

Answer available within 8 weeks

Pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the CFP, advisory councils are to be consulted by the relevant Member States during the process of drafting delegated acts or implementing acts relating to regionalised conservation measures.

Can the Commission provide an overview of the methodology used in these consultations? Can it report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the advisory councils?

**Written question on problems in implementing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2015/242 of 09 October 2014 under the common fisheries policy (CFP): functioning of Advisory Councils – source EP register**

Under the new CFP, the proportion of Advisory Council positions allocated to ‘other interest groups’ has been increased from 30% to 40%.

In the absence of a precise definition of ‘other interest groups’, some Advisory Councils are not appointing new members to their executive committee even when posts are vacant, despite the fact that the decision is no longer in their hands since candidates have already been approved by the Member States.

In the light of this, can the Commission confirm that groups which do not fall into the category of ‘sector organisations’ are automatically classified as ‘other interest groups’, subject to official confirmation by the Member State in question in doubtful cases?

The full question and answer can be viewed [here](#).

**Landings Obligation**

**Discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in north-western waters – source - European Commission**

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2438 of 12 October 2015 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in north-western waters](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2439 of 12 October 2015 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in south-western waters](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2440 of 22 October 2015 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in the North Sea and in Union waters of ICES Division IIa](#)

**Question for written answer on Prevention of parallel markets in juvenile fish in the context of the application of the landing obligation – source European Register**

Answers available within 8 weeks

Regulation (EU) 2015/812 on the landing obligation requires producer organisations to take measures to prevent the establishment of parallel markets in juvenile fish: ‘producer organisations shall ensure, in the production and marketing plans which they submit pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, that the landing of marine organisms below the minimum conservation reference size does not lead to the development of activities aimed specifically at the catching of those marine organisms.’

Given that the Commission is the guardian of EU legislation, can it confirm whether producer organisations have indeed taken these measures to prevent parallel markets? Can it provide examples of measures implemented in Belgium, Spain, Italy, Ireland, the UK, Portugal and France?

EP Register - Consultation of advisory councils in the process of drafting regionalised delegated acts and implementing acts under the common fisheries policy (CFP)

### **International Trade**

#### **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2455 of 21 December 2015 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature**

This introduces a change to the classification of 'seafood' (meat of different crustaceans and molluscs) a part of which is raw or blanched (heading 0307) while another part is cooked (heading 1605). Such a product is considered a preparation, taking into account that cooking excludes classification in Chapter 3 as the product, even partially, has been prepared by a process not provided for in that Chapter.

As cuttlefish and squid predominate by weight, the product is therefore to be classified under CN code 1605 54 00 as prepared or preserved cuttlefish and squid. For details see [here](#).