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FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE, TRADE AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

- [European Food Consumption Database](#). Source EFSA

EFSA has published a new release of its Comprehensive European Food Consumption Database, which for the first time includes data collected under EFSA's EU Menu project. The database plays a key role in the evaluation of the risks related to possible hazards in food in the EU and allows estimates of consumers' exposure to such hazards, a fundamental step in EFSA's risk assessment work. It consists of the most recent data collected in Member States covering more population groups and new food categories, such as energy drinks.

- [EP resolution calls to extend control regulation on imported fishery products](#). Source European Commission.

A non-legislative resolution drafted by vice-chair of the Committee on Fisheries Linnéa Engström is expected to be put to the plenary vote in May. It calls to extend EU control regulation on imported fisheries products to promote a fairer competition, in order to avoid a discriminatory market that could adversely affect EU catching sector.

The resolution also calls on the Commission to ensure close co-ordination between the Union's trade and fisheries policies, including during the negotiation of trade agreements with third countries involving fisheries matters.

- [Workshop on Landing Obligation and Choke Species in Multispecies and Mixed Fisheries](#). Source European Parliament.

On 14 May 2018 Policy Department B is organising a workshop for the Members of the Fisheries Committee. Three prominent scientists analyse the real problem of choke species in multispecies and mixed fisheries, in the Western waters, North and South, and the North Sea. A problem which is challenging one of the grounds of the current Common Fisheries Policy is the quota allocation system based on the principle of relative stability. The effectiveness of the CFP 'tool box' will be assessed and also provide possible alternative solutions in the context of Brexit, the climate change without endangering the MSY objective within the marine ecosystem.

Agendas:

- [Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain](#). 03/05/2018.

Useful links:

- [Regulation \(EU\) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers on front-of-pack nutrition labelling - Presentations of the joint meeting with Member State Competent authority experts](#). 12-16 March 2018.
- [Plenary Meeting of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health - Presentations on the state of play of the EU Official controls Regulation \(implementing and delegated acts\)](#). 27 April 2018.

Events:

- [Annual Conference on EU Law in the Food Sector 2018](#). 17-18 May 2018.
- [The future of food in the EU](#). 26 June 2018.