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Seafood Trade Corridor

Draft new EU rules on traceability for fishery and aquaculture products

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- Officially **recognized by EU Institutions**
- **Represents European traders** in dried fruit & nuts, processed fruit & vegetables & **seafood**
- Specialized in trade, food safety, sustainability, customs, nutrition (new) for our sectors
- Based in **Brussels**, the EU capital
- Members in supplying countries

The Commission proposal

- Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control

COM/2018/368 final

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2018%3A368%3AFIN>

Some objectives of revision for the Commission:

- To ensure level playing field between the EU catch/aquaculture and 3rd countries
- Cover also imported products and processed products
- Clarify the scope of traceability provisions, at all stages from catching or harvesting to retail stage
- Digitalisation => Traceability info. recorded and transmitted electronically
- Digitalisation of IUU catch certificate

COM proposal: Article 56a Lots

- 1. Fishery and aquaculture products from catching or harvesting shall be put into lots prior to placing on the market.
- 2. A lot shall only contain fishery or aquaculture products of a **single species**, of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and from the **same fishing vessel**, or group of fishing vessels, or coming from the **same aquaculture production unit**.
- 6. This Article shall only apply to fishery and aquaculture products falling under **Chapter 3** and under **headings 1604 and 1605** of Chapter 16 of the Combined Nomenclature

Product scope


- Chapter 3 of the Combined nomenclature: Fresh, frozen, fillets, dry, salted, smoked.. fish, crustaceans and molluscs
- Headings 1604 and 1605 of the Combined nomenclature: Prepared and preserved fish, crustaceans and molluscs
- Excluded from the scope: - Flour of meat of fish, crustaceans and molluscs, unfit for human consumption, or for animal feed, and - Algae

COM proposal: Article 58 Traceability

- 6. Information on lots of fishery and aquaculture products imported into the Union shall include:
- (a) the identification **number** of the lot;
- (b) the reference of the **catch certificate**(s), or the name and registration number of the aquaculture production unit;
- (c) the **FAO alpha-3 code of the species** and the **scientific name**;
- (d) the relevant **geographical area**(s) for fishery products caught at sea, or the catch or production area as defined in Article 38(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 for fishery products caught in freshwater and aquaculture products;
- (e) the **category of fishing gear** as laid down in the first column of Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 for fishery products;
- (f) the **date of catches** for fishery products or date of **harvest** for aquaculture products, and the date of production where applicable;
- (g) the **quantities in kilograms** expressed in net weight or, where appropriate, the number of individuals;
- (h) for lots of products subject to common marketing standards, as appropriate, the individual size or weight, size category, presentation and freshness;

Presentation by EU Commission workshop on traceability, 7/10/19

- https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press/traceability-fisheries-products-know-what-you-buy_en
- Also same aquaculture production unit

	
Existing	Proposal
Art. 4 (20) and Art. 56(3)	Article 56a
Art. 56 (3) All fisheries and aquaculture products must be put in lots before 1st sale.	(1) Fishery and aquaculture products from catching or harvesting shall be put into lots prior to placing on the market.
Art. 4 (20) 'Lot' means a quantity of fisheries and aquaculture products of a given species of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and the same fishing vessel, or group of fishing vessels, or the	(2) A lot shall only contain fishery or aquaculture products of a single species , of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and from the same fishing

Co-decision by three EU institutions

- 30 May 2018: Adoption by the European Commission
- COM(2018)368
- In the Council: discussions ongoing
- In the European Parliament: Rapporteur: Ms C. Aguilera; technical meetings to start June 26; Approval in the Fisheries committee Oct-Nov

In the Parliament:

- Around 900 amendments to rapporteur's report:

[https://parltrack.org/dossier/2018/0193\(COD\)#/ams](https://parltrack.org/dossier/2018/0193(COD)#/ams)

- Amendments 578-583 on traceability
- 1 trimester 2021 trilogues (=Council, Parliament and Commission meetings to reach common position).



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