

(04/12/2008)

**Work programme of the ACFA for 2009**  
Adopted by the Plenary of ACFA on 04/12/2008

Subjects are proposed to the Committee to be dealt with on the agendas of the Committee or its Working Groups during 2009, for debate, consultation, or information.

A first list of subjects issued by the Secretariat and the organisations of the ACFA was examined by the ACFA Bureau at its meeting on 3 December 2008. On the basis of this examination and further modifications, the Bureau asked the Secretariat to adopt a draft final work programme which has been presented for adoption at the plenary session of the ACFA on 4 of December at the suggestion of its Bureau.

Each subject on the work programme was placed in one of the Working Groups most appropriate to it. The way of approaching each subject was specified by one of the following annotations:

- (ARP) : regional « Fisheries » workshops (if necessary and for specific fisheries)
- ® : debate (on the initiative of the ACFA and/or the Commission)
- © : consultation (prior to the adoption of a proposal by the Commission)
- (I) : information (following the adoption of a proposal by the Commission)

The aim of each Working Group was to produce, where necessary

- A draft opinion on the subjects on which it was consulted
- A draft own-initiative opinion for the subjects of debate
- A draft resolution for the subjects of which it was informed

The draft opinions or resolutions were proposed for adoption by the plenary session. It was the Bureau's responsibility to organise all this work. Recourse to opinions via written consultation was foreseen in cases of urgency on a decision of the Bureau.

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## **GROUP I: Access to resources, management of fishing activities and general questions**

### General issues

1. European Fisheries Fund (State of play).
2. Fuel prices: short, middle and long term questions (I) ®
3. Impact of the bank and financial crisis on the fisheries and aquaculture sector (I) ®
4. Impact of the implementation of the measures proposed by the Commission in the fuel package (I) ®
5. Integrated Maritime Policy
6. Communication on the implementation of the simplification action plan © (April 2009)
7. Assessment of Tuna farming (report from WG2 ó tuna farming sector) (I) ®
8. Research programmes on the 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme relating to the fisheries sector (fleet) (I) ®

### Environmental issues

1. EU Action Plan for Sharks (I)
2. EU Action Plan for Seabirds (I)

### Conservation and Management measures

1. Communication on the Fishing Opportunities for 2010: Policy Statement from the European Commission (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009) ©
2. New policy on discards ®
3. Impact of the European eel management plans on aquaculture eels (I) ®
4. Management of European eel stocks and effects on trade (I) ®

### Control issues

1. Follow up to the Control Regulation: Implementing rules on the reformed control framework (I) ®.
2. Follow up to the IUU Regulation (information to third countries) (I) ®
3. Council Regulation 2847/93 from 12 October 1993: Implementation of the Declaration of first sales system in the Member States. Follow up (I) ®

## **GROUP II: Aquaculture**

### **A. Pathologies of livestock farming and food hygiene**

1. Review of Community legislation concerning Aquaculture animal health: Follow-up (I). Implementation rules (I)
  - a) Vector diseases (EFSA)
2. Regulation on Biotoxins: Follow-up (I)
3. Microbiological standards for shellfish (I) ®.
4. Draft implementing regulation for the food hygiene package (SANCO): update (I) ©
5. Availability of VMPs and active agents for use in aquaculture
  - a) Availability and use of vaccines

### **B. Feeds and livestock-farming standards**

1. Animal and fish feed regulations and developments: follow-up (I)
2. Certification on Aquaculture products: follow-up (I) ®
  - a) Organic farming Standards: Implementing rules
  - b) ISO Standard development
  - c) Development of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party standards (Globalgap, WWF, etc)
  - d) Simplified implementation rules for Shellfish
3. Development on fish feeds: composition and manufacture. Follow-up ®
4. Denomination and classification of shellfish production ®

### **C. Structural measures and monitoring of the sector**

1. Activities/Recommendations of the Aquaculture sub Committee of the COFI, the Committee on Aquaculture of the GFCM/CAO and EIFAC: (I) ® Follow-up
2. Community's Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture: Follow-up (I) ®;
  - A. Impact Assessment of the Communication (I)
3. Improvement of aquaculture statistics (I) and Data Collection
4. European Technological Platform for Aquaculture ® - Follow-up
5. Promotion of European Aquaculture
  - A. Education and consumer information on aquaculture products: follow-up (I) ®.

B. Trans-national promotion campaigns (I)

6. Assessment of Tuna farming (report to WG3 and WG4) (I) ®
7. Integration of Aquaculture into the Maritime Policy (I) ®

D. Aquaculture and Environment

1. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the use of alien and locally absent species in aquaculture: Implementing rules (I)
2. The impact of escapes from aquaculture; containment of farmed fish (I) ®
3. Implementation of the Water Framework Directive and impact on Shellfish: follow-up of discussions ®
4. Water Framework Directive: Priority substances (I) and impact on the fish farming profession
5. Measures to restrict predation in European aquaculture
6. Medium and long term evaluation of the costs/benefits of environmental legislation on European aquaculture
7. Presentation and exploitation of ECASA study results (I) ®
8. Designation by Member States of NATURA 2000 sites and follow-up by the Commission (I)

## **GROUP III: Markets and commercial policy**

### **1. CMO (Common Market Organisation)**

1. Review of the Common Market Organisation:
  - a) Dialogue with Stakeholders ®
  - b) Revision of the (CE) Reg 104/2000 © (end 2009)
  - c) Ongoing studies
2. 2010 Guide prices © (October 2009)
3. Producer Organisations for European fish farming
4. Proposal for a Directive and Regulation on the elimination of controls performed in ports for goods bound for ports located in the EU and modifying the Community Custom Code (I) ®
5. Monitoring of the markets under the proposal for a Control Regulation (COM(2008)721): follow-up to articles 50 (traceability) and 51 (consumers information) (I) ®

### **2. Food Security**

1. Supply (Status and Trends)
  - Evaluation on supply and marketing of Fisheries and Aquaculture products in the EU (I) ® (1st half 2009)
  - Monitoring of Community imported fisheries and aquaculture products (I) ®
  - Impact of Recovery plans on markets for 2009 (I) ®
2. Trade
  - Autonomous trade policy of EU: New GSP 2009-2011, GSP+ Implementation (I) ®
  - Free trade agreements ® (State of plan and follow up)
  - WTO (State of play and follow up)
  - Autonomous tariff quotas: Follow-up (I)
  - Rules of origin: (State of play. Follow up)

### **3. Markets Developments**

1. Follow up of Commission initiative relating to Ecolabelling (I) and/or © (1<sup>st</sup> half 2009)
2. Regulation (EC) n ° 834/2007 on rules of organic production and the proposed new implementing rules ® for aquaculture and seaweed (1<sup>st</sup> half 2009)
3. Coherence between various market standards (ISO, MSC, Organic, IUU, í .)

#### **4. Food safety**

1. European Food Safety Authority: permanent Follow-up (I)
2. Codex Alimentarius: Follow-up (I) ® (in 2008)
3. Update on contaminant Legislation relevant for fish, aquaculture and fishery products: Permanent Follow-up (I)
4. Rapid Alert System: Overview on the results of the year 2007 (I) ®
5. Parasites in fish: Follow-up of the results of an EC Working Group on parasites on the 12 December 2008 (I) ®
6. Hygiene rules: status quo (I)
7. New Regulation concerning additives (I)
8. Proposal from the EP and the Council on a draft Regulation on information to the consumers concerning foodstuff ®
9. Proposal to amend Council Regulations 178/2001 and 853/2004 relating to the information to assure better traceability (I) ®
10. Harmonisation of norms and standards of packing for molluscs ®.
11. Overview of the current research programmes on the 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme relating to the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector (I)
12. Discussions on a request to the Commission for a possible Green Paper on fisheries products ®

**GROUP IV: General questions: economy and analysis of the sector (Temporary in suspension)**

- **Ad-hoc Group on the CFP Reform**

## **Specific ad-hoc Groups**