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- [Report on EC public consultation on defining criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors in the context of the implementation of the Plant Protection Product Regulation and Biocidal Products](#)

This public consultation was open from 26 September 2014 to 16 January 2015 and took the form of an on-line questionnaire. The objective of this consultation was to gather information for the impact assessment on the establishment of criteria to identify endocrine disruptors.

Endocrine disruptors are chemicals known to interfere with development and reproduction, and they may cause serious neurological and immune system effects.

Many respondents raised issues related to food safety, the threat that endocrine substances might pose to human health and/or the environment and the impact of the different options proposed in the roadmap on agriculture, industry, health and the environment.

- [New EU publication: Is sustainable aquaculture possible?](#)

This report concludes that the aquaculture industry has made great progress in improving its environmental challenges they have to face in recent years. Research has shown that some environmental pressures can be mitigated in absolute terms, as seen with the dramatic reductions in escapees and antibiotics use in Norwegian salmon farms. In addition to this, significant improvements in efficiency have also been noted, as with the reduction of wild fish used in feed. Technological and biological developments will enable further relative improvements, only if ecological interactions can be managed appropriately.

- [FVO Report - Audit carried out in the Republic of Macedonia to evaluate the control systems in place governing the product of fishery products intended for export to the EU](#)

FVO carried out an audit from 24 February to 5 March 2015, as part of its programme of audits in third countries. The report concludes that there is an official control system in place for the production of fishery products intended for EU export. The system covers the entire production chain from import, primary production, processing, storage and distribution. The current organisation of the CA and the control system implemented could in general offer sufficient guarantees concerning conditions of fishery products to be exported to the EU. However, some issues need to be addressed mainly concerning official controls (sampling and analysis of fishery products and sampling strategy within the residue monitoring programme) of fishery products.

Moreover, FVO has announced that an overview report on the effectiveness of verification systems across the EU will be published in the coming months on their website.

Useful links:

- [Antimicrobials restrictions in animal feed – In depth analysis for the ENVI Committee](#)
- [Annex to the proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union Tariff Quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018](#)

- [EC implementing decision on a temporary derogation from the rules of origin laid down in Annex II to Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1528/2007 to take account of the special situation of Kenya with regard to tuna loins](#)
- [Annex to the Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol initiated on 20 March 2015 setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and Greenland.](#)
- [Call for tender – Food chain analysis of selected aquaculture species products: identification and monitoring of vulnerabilities and drivers of change for the identification of emerging risks](#)

Events:

- [Aquaculture 2015 Cutting Edge Science in Aquaculture.](#) 23-26 August 2015. Montpellier, France

DG MARE:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/mare/news.cfm?subweb=342&sub=1&lang=en

EFSA: <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/>

Other events:

<http://europa.eu/newsroom/calendar/?siteLanguage=en>

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