

BRUSSELS UPDATE 17/07/2015

- [Public Consultation on the future of EU-Mexico trade and economic relations](#)

DG TRADE has launched a public consultation which aims to gather detailed views relating to the future trade and economic relationship between the European Union and Mexico. The results of the consultation will feed into the Impact Assessment which Commission services are currently preparing. The Impact Assessment will help to shape the position of the Commission with regards to a potential modernisation of the existing FTA between the European Union and Mexico. The deadline for contributions is on 31st August 2015.

- [External impact of EU trade and investment policy outside the EU](#)

The European Parliament has published a resolution on 7th July called “The external impact of the EU trade and investment policy on public-private initiatives in countries outside the EU”. This resolution calls on the EC to guarantee that EU trade Agreements contain instruments for EU companies, specially SMEs, to compete abroad on equal terms with foreign national companies, demands a well clear regulation of, and easy access to information concerning tenders and awarding criteria, and the lifting of discriminatory and unjustified trade barriers in the field of government procurement, services or investments.

- [Open call for tender: Study on the establishment of a framework for processing and analyzing maritime economic data in Europe](#)

DG MARE has opened a new tender which main objective is to support and place on a firm footing the process for the collection and processing of data on the maritime economy across the EU in order to make available a consistent set of data on the Maritime economy in Europe, its size, growth rates, employment levels and related trends. This in turn should help setting maritime priorities in Europe, define and inform policy and track performance across industries

- **Miscellaneous**

Seafish has recently received the following information from the EC:

- **WELMEC GUIDE:** the proposal was under Intra DG Sante consultation and now it has obtained the agreement of the 4 vice-chairmen of the EC. It will be voted by Member States in September and then we will have to wait till October/November (translation in all EU languages and publication in the Official Journal)

- **Proposal for classification of A production areas for LBM according to Codex** criteria – This proposal was discussed during the Standing Committee of July and it was voted in favour by Member States. Now it has to be sent to the European Parliament after the summer (September) and probably it will be adopted.

- **Sanitary survey on Norovirus in oysters.** DG SANTE asked EFSA to develop technical guidance because they want to start the survey from January 2016. EFSA will publish this guidance after the summer. Possible legislative proposals will be based on the result of the survey.

Useful links:

- [The Trawler –European Parliament PECH Committee Magazine - July](#)
- [Maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in dried bonito and certain smoked Baltic herring](#)
- [FVO audit report carried out in Portugal to evaluate the production and use of certain proteins of animal origin in feed for aquaculture animals](#)
- [EUMOFA – European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products –July](#)
- [Study on Pelagic Fisheries and the Canning Industry in Outermost Regions](#)
- [ECSAFESEAFOOD \(Priority environmental contaminants in seafood: safety assessment, impact and public perception\)](#)

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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