

Fishery and aquaculture products: common organisation of the market COM

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PURPOSE: the updating of the common organisation of the market for fishery and aquaculture products.

CONTENT: this proposal seeks to bring about an important reform of the common market for fishery and aquaculture products, in accordance with the objectives and principles laid down in the Commission's communication of 16/12/1997 on the future of the market for fishery products, in particular to: - permit of the COM's contribution to the principle of the responsible resource management; - improve the transparency and knowledge of the market and products, including to the consumer; - make the operators, especially producer organisations and their members, aware of and responsible for the optimal management and utilisation of resources; - encourage partnerships between players along the production chain, to gear down the efficiency of the actions of each of them on the market; - favour the use of forward-looking methods of adaptation of supply and demand by producer organisations; - contribute to market stability by encouraging the use of planned and contractualised marketing; - reform the mechanisms of intervention in such a way as to reduce to a minimum the definitive withdrawals from the market, and favour provisional withdrawal and the exploitation of products; - permit the supply of the market and the processing industry in conditions in line with the requirements of international competitiveness. Lastly, this proposal seeks to complement, clarify and facilitate the use of the COM regulations by those involved, in particular by avoiding the proliferation of methods of application. To reach this objective, the new basic regulation is more detailed, in particular with respect to professional organisations, and the more technical aspects will be dealt with using the management committee procedure.