Basic information

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European fish processing industry **Subject** 3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products	

Key players

	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
European Parliament	PECH Fisheries	LANGENHAGEN Brigitte (PPE-DE)	28/11/2000

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/02/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
20/02/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0045/2002	
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Technical information

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2000/2303(INI) - 14/03/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Brigitte LANGENHAGEN (EPP/ED, Denmark) on the fish processing industry. (Please refer to the document dated 20/02/02). Parliament pointed out that the Community's many technical, environmental and hygiene and health-related rules have a direct impact on the sector and constitute a difficult process of modernisation, in particular for the sector's SMEs. Additionally, because of the lack of effective instruments, in particular to ensure the traceability of imported fish, crustacea and shellfish, especially as regards the precise designation of species and their origin, the community sector is subject to unfair competition. Precise product designation is required. In the interests of a high level of consumer protection, the Commission should ensure the coordination of national laboratories, uniform standards for analysis and test methods, the exchange of information on research into new methods and strict checks on the quality and hygiene conditions of all imported goods, and for this purpose to consider setting up a Community laboratory. The Commission must also ensure that structural funds are available to the processing industry, given that the industry is adversely affected by management measures, including real-time closures, recovery plans and decommissioning. Community legislation should be introduced to harmonise the trade names of processed fishery products and standards for their labelling, presentation and advertising - used in the various Member states - in order to prevent confusion amongst consumers and the creation of barriers to intra-Community trade in these products, thereby facilitating the legitimate development of the processing industry.