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Non-legislative activities

4. Trade-related agricultural issues

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Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

The Council took note of the Commission's update on international agricultural trade issues and of delegations' questions, comments and concerns. The Presidency will regularly invite the Commission to update the Council on international agricultural trade issues.

Any other business

5. b) Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling

10846/20

Information from the Italian and the Czech delegations, on behalf of the Cyprus, Czech, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian and Romanian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Italian and Czech delegations on behalf of the Cyprus, Czech, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian and Romanian delegations on front-of-pack nutritional labelling. The Council also took note of the comments made by other delegations and by the Commission.

c) Ban on laying hens in cages

10844/20

Information from the Czech delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Czech delegation on a ban on laying hens in cages. The Council also took note of the comments made by delegations and by the Commission.

d) Recent occurrence of African Swine Fever in wild boar in Germany

10825/20

Information from the German delegation

e) Current situation in the pig-farming sector

10904/20

Information from the Czech delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the German delegation on the recent occurrence of African Swine Fever in wild boar in Germany, and of the information provided by the Czech delegation on the situation in the pig farming sector. The Council also took note of the comments made by several delegations and by the Commission.

Statements to the non-legislative "A" items set out in 10715/20

Ad "A" item 1: **Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters**
Adoption

STATEMENT BY PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

Proposal of TAC for anchovy in ICES subdivision 9 (ANE/9/3411) for the period starting on 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021

Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters

"The amendment regarding fishing opportunities for anchovy, as set out in document 9800/20, sets the TAC for this stock in ICES subareas 9 and 10 and in Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1 for the period starting on 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2021.

Portugal and Spain understand the rationale of the proposal of the Commission, which is in line with the latest ICES advice, issued on 18 June 2020.

However, Portugal and Spain consider that the ICES approach should have taken into account the specificities of the western component of anchovy stock, in order to truly reflect the abundance of the biomass. We further underline that, according to the ICES advice, the interim approach used to analyse the stock is only preliminary and needs further development.

Portugal and Spain therefore regret that the anchovy fishing opportunities, one of the most important stocks for the Portuguese and Spanish small pelagic fleet, are based on an assessment that is not robust enough, which entails setting the TAC below its real and sustainable figure.

Since this stock has just a provisional TAC established until 30 September 2020 and that it is essential to ensure that fishery activities continue, Portugal and Spain are willing to support the document as it stands."
