



**EU Fish Processors and Traders Association
Association des Industries du Poisson de l'UE**

**EU Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters of Fish
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Press Release

AIPCE-CEP¹ welcomes the European Parliament Fisheries Committee vote on Common Organisation of the Market

EU Fish processors and traders welcome the EP Fisheries Committee vote on Commission proposals for reforming the Common Organisation of the Markets in fishery and aquaculture products which took place yesterday 20th June.

AIPCE-CEP acknowledges the Committee's constructive approach under its rapporteur Struan Stevenson and the way it has engaged with the numerous representations made to it. The Committee has sent a clear signal that they want the new regulation to have greater coherence with existing legislation and not increase cost and complexity for industry or consumers. The Committee's amendments represent a good and balanced outcome which lay sound foundations for future negotiations on this proposal.

AIPCE-CEP welcomes this positive direction set by the European Parliament at this key stage of the discussions. We look forward to a final outcome which enables processors to continue to deliver sustainable supplies of quality fish to consumers at prices they can afford, enabling them to reap the huge health benefits from eating more seafood.

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¹ AIPCE-CEP represents 130.000 employees, 4.000 enterprises and a production value of around €23 billion (<http://aipce-cep.org/>)