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# AMENDMENTS

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**Draft opinion**  
**Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa**  
(PE521.662v01-00)

on the situation and future perspectives of the European fishing sector in the context of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Thailand  
(2013/2179(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Recognises *the* trade, *economic and strategic importance of Thailand for the EU, and recalls the substantial benefits of this FTA for the EU economy as a whole;*

*Amendment*

1. Recognises *that* trade *between the EU and Thailand can potentially play an important role in positively advancing the development of those societies in the interests of workers, small farmers and fishermen, provided that trade follows the objectives of creating a sustainable economy based on the highest labour, social and environmental standards and contributes to the creation of decent, unionised jobs on both sides;*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Supports regional integration amongst ASEAN countries; *notes that the FTA with Thailand constitutes an essential pillar in that process, the ultimate objective being to conclude a region-to-region FTA in the future;*

*Amendment*

2. Supports *sustainable* regional integration amongst ASEAN countries; *insists that a strongly worded human rights and sustainability chapter, including clear mechanisms for the monitoring and implementation for those standards, will be a precondition for concluding a possible FTA with Thailand;*

Or. en

### Amendment 3

María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Francisco José Millán Mon, Pablo Zalba Bidegain

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##### Paragraph 3

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Requests that fish products such as canned tuna imported from Thailand, which have the potential to disrupt the *EU's* production and market for these products, be treated as sensitive products; *points out that long transitional periods or partial liberalisation commitments, including the imposition of quotas, should therefore be duly established for such products;*

###### *Amendment*

3. Requests that fish products such as canned tuna imported from Thailand which have the potential to disrupt the *EU's* production and market for these products be treated as sensitive products *and that access of Thai canned and processed tuna in the EU market should continue to be subject to its current overall tariff and therefore excluded from tariff liberalization under the FTA. Furthermore any decision concerning the access of Thai canned and processed tuna should only be taken after rigorous impact assessments and in close collaboration with the industry, in order to analyse and evaluate, the impact that they may have in the processing industry and marketing of seafood products in the EU*

Or. en

### Amendment 4

María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Francisco José Millán Mon, Pablo Zalba Bidegain

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 4

###### *Draft opinion*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 5** **Paul Murphy**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 4**

#### *Draft opinion*

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#### *Amendment*

4. Demands that imports of canned tuna and other fish products from Thailand be subject to the greatest possible extent to the same ***provisions in relation to labour, social and environmental standards*** as those for EU fish products; this implies in particular that an ambitious trade and sustainable development chapter must be part of the Agreement, whereby Thailand undertakes to respect, promote and implement internationally recognised labour standards, as embodied in the fundamental ILO conventions, including those on forced labour;

Or. en

## **Amendment 6** **Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

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Or. it

**Amendment 7**

**María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Francisco José Millán Mon, Pablo Zalba Bidegain**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Calls, in the case of*** sensitive fish products, ***for strict*** rules of origin ***to be*** maintained, ***and for cumulation to be strictly limited in that of*** products such as canned tuna, for which Thailand is mainly a processing country rather than a fishing country;

*Amendment*

5. ***Requests that for*** sensitive fish products, ***full compliance with solid and coherent*** rules of origin ***are*** maintained ***without exemption. In this sense, cumulation shall not be allowed for*** products such as canned tuna, for which Thailand is mainly a processing country rather than a fishing country

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

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Or. it

**Amendment 9**  
**Yannick Jadot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the IUU Regulation<sup>1</sup> is effectively implemented;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7. Stresses that the outcome of the trade negotiations with Thailand in the fisheries sector should be without prejudice to the European Parliament's decision to support the conclusion of the Agreement by giving its consent to it.**

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Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Francisco José Millán Mon, Pablo Zalba Bidegain**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that **the** outcome of the trade negotiations with Thailand in the **fisheries sector should be without prejudice to** the European **Parliament's** decision to support the conclusion of the Agreement by giving its consent to it.

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Expresses its indignation at the working conditions and coercive labour practices, in particular with respect to migrant workers, in the Thai fishing**



*industry as revealed in the latest joint ILO report; points out that the report states that there are no reports of any unions existing in the Thai fishing sector and even if there were, legal restrictions would make it difficult to truly represent the interests of the largely migrant workforce<sup>1</sup>; concludes that this situation is unacceptable and needs to be resolved before any further negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement take place;*

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*<sup>1</sup>The report referred to is entitled "Employment practises and working conditions in Thailand's fishing sector", page xiii*

Or. en