



How can we support indigenous people's sustainable hunt in the Arctic?

The initiative of a QR Code for Seal Skin

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In 2009, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 banning the trade in seal products in the European Union. The seal hunt is however part of the socio-economy, culture and identity of the Inuit and other indigenous communities and it contributes greatly to their subsistence and development. For this reason the Regulation provides for an Inuit exception, which allows the placing on the Union market of seal products, which result from hunts traditionally conducted by Inuit and other indigenous communities.

Two years ago, the European Parliament debated further the trade in seal products and the conditions for the placing on the market. This showed broad interests of Parliamentarians and stakeholders on the topic.

As a result, a new QR-Code for seal products has been developed by stakeholders. The code will be able to effectively indicate that the seal product originates from Inuit hunting and complies with the conditions for the placing on the market in the EU.

This event is organised with the purpose of informing about this new QR Code initiative, while also ensuring dissemination of knowledge that it is legal (and sustainable) within the EU to sell/buy seal products within the boundaries of the Inuit-Exemption.

Representatives from the European Institutions, Member States, Customs, Retail sector and Stakeholders including a high-level delegation from Greenland with the participation of the Minister for Fisheries and Hunting, will gather in the European Parliament to discuss and exchange views on the QR Code information initiative.



DRAFT AGENDA

- 09:00-09:05** Welcome by **Jørn Dohrmann MEP**
- 09:05-09:15** **Karl Kristian Kruse, Minister for Fisheries and Hunting, Government of Greenland**
- 09:15-09:25** **Aaju Peter, Inuit Livelihood Advocate**
- 09:25-09:35** **Ditte Sorknæs, Great Greenland and Mette Lykke Nielsen, Fur Europe: Presentation of the QR Code**
- 09:35-09:45** **Marc Richir, Senior Expert Ocean governance, Marine Biodiversity, Whaling, Trade in Seal Products, DG ENV, European Commission**
- 09:45-09:55** **Aqqalu Rosing-Asvid, Greenland Institute for Natural Resources**
- 09:55-10:05** **Bjarne Lyberth, KNAPK (Association of Fishers & Hunters in Greenland)**
- 10:05-10:15** **Gert Polet, WWF**
- 10:15-10:25** **Geneviève Desportes, General Secretary, North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission**
- 10:25-10:55** Questions and discussion with the audience
- 10:55-11:00** Concluding remarks by the Chair