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to the Commission**

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Subject: Labelling of products based on truffles

Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers, and Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods, govern the labelling of food products.

These contain no specific instructions whatsoever concerning the various fungus species, whether growing below ground or above ground.

Does the Commission believe that a national law that prohibits the use of the word 'truffle' in the sales description of a product in the preparation of which both truffle and flavourings are used can be compatible with the said EU legislation?

What is the Commission's view on the introduction of the wording 'contains artificial flavourings', solely in relation to truffles, as has been discussed at the national level?