

**Question for written answer E-007653/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Guarantees for labelling mussels

In its answer to written question E-006052/2014, the Commission states that it is required to submit reports to the European Parliament and the Council by 13 December 2014 regarding the possibility of extending mandatory origin labelling with respect to certain foods, 'including for single-ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food', based on 'the findings of an external study to be completed by the end of summer 2014'.

Bearing in mind that the Regulatory Council of the Galician Mussel (Consejo Regulador del Mejillón de Galicia), the only protected designation of origin (PDO) for marine products, has repeatedly voiced its concern that EU legislation does not entail an obligation to inform consumers of the species and origin of processed or preserved mussel products:

1. Can the Commission say whether the study referred to above has been completed?
2. If so, what are its findings, and what steps does the Commission propose to take to prevent fraudulent labelling and ensure reliable information for consumers regarding the species and origin of processed or preserved mussel products?