

**Question for written answer E-004425/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The mandatory origin labelling of meat

The European Parliament has adopted the resolution on the mandatory origin labelling of meat. In Romania, the favourable vote generated numerous controversies, as the representatives of meat producer associations consider that in this way Romania has fallen into the trap of large European producers and that, due to the lack of information, Romanian products will be affected.

The arguments in favour of the mandatory origin labelling of meat were first of all based on the results of the Commission's research, which revealed that 90 % of consumers want to know the origin of meat in food products.

This will also ensure the traceability of meat products, which will make carousel schemes carried out by big players more difficult. Last but not least, the new regulation will better defend the interests of small producers.

1. How will the mandatory origin labelling of meat products affect this sector in Romania and what influence will it have on exports?
2. What effect could the new regulation have on prices for meat products?