

**Question for written answer E-008725/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Study on labelling

It has become known in the last few days that a study commissioned by the Commission has apparently recommended that the country or place of origin not be included on the label of unprocessed foodstuffs, nor of products consisting of just one ingredient, nor of any ingredient that accounts for over 50 % of the food product concerned. This is despite the fact that an overwhelming majority of those interviewed said that information on a product's origin is essential.

Does the Commission really believe that the best way to keep consumers informed is to conceal where the goods they buy come from? Does it also believe that the best way to protect quality certified EU products such as those admitted to the geographical indications scheme is, in fact, not to make stating their origin obligatory? Will the Commission endorse the conclusions of the aforementioned study or will it stand up for consumers and EU quality certified products?