Question for written answer E-010846/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Recasting of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006

Food legislation has been becoming increasingly more complex, in particular recently, with Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 (food information) and Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 (nutrition and health claims). From the point of view of those whose jobs are linked to the sector, elements of these Regulations are obsolete and in need of recasting.

According to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006, the Commission had to establish specific nutrient profiles by 19 January 2009, and foods or certain food categories must be in accordance with these profiles, so they can be classified along with the nutritional values. Not only was this deadline passed a long time ago, but its usefulness can now be considered to be dubious, whether because the criteria are not scientific enough or because of the confusion that could be caused amongst consumers. In fact, according to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, it is already obligatory for the main nutritional values to be stated on packaging. This means that consumers have enough information about ingredients and can decide for themselves.

In view of this, can the Commission please state:

Is it prepared to re-examine the scientific basis of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 in relation to the concept of nutritional profiles, and to its relevance and usefulness?

Following this re-evaluation, is it considering scrapping this concept?

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