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to the Commission**

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Subject: Honey labelling fraud

The European honey market relies heavily on imports, as domestic production is not sufficient to meet demand.

Monitoring the quality and traceability of products imported from third countries is essential, therefore.

In recent years, there have been numerous scandals involving the misleading labelling, with regard to origin and composition, of honey from third countries: in 2013 it was estimated that more than 10% of the honey on sale in France which was tested was wrongly labelled.

Parliament and the Council adopted Directive 2014/63/EU in order to clarify the labelling requirements for honey originating from more than one Member State or more than one third country. Nevertheless, labels are still only required to bear the words 'blend of EU and non-EU honeys', which could encourage misleading labelling.

How does the Commission intend to combat misleading labelling by third countries?