

**Question for written answer E-004441/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation of legislation on food origin labelling

At its plenary sitting on 12 May 2016 the European Parliament voted in favour of compulsory labelling of origin for food and dairy products.

The European Parliament's opinion shows that EU citizens wish to know, when making purchasing decisions, from which Member State a food item originates. Compulsory labelling of origin would make the food chain more transparent and would improve consumers' confidence in their food. According to the 2013 Eurobarometer survey, 84% of EU citizens wish to know the origin of the milk a product contains. Furthermore, 88% of citizens would like compulsory labelling of origin on meat products.

When does the Commission propose to submit a legislative proposal in line with Parliament's opinion on introducing compulsory origin labelling for all meat and dairy products?