

**Question for written answer E-006666/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Law 150/2016 on the marketing of Romanian food products

Regarding the letter from the European Livestock and Meat Trading Union sent on 28 July 2016 to Commissioner Elzbieta Bienkowska, I must reject the statements submitted because they contain errors in the translation of Law 150/2016 amending Law 321/2009 on the activity of the supermarkets.

Specifically, I wish to mention the following:

- the UECBV letter states that, according to the new law, 51% of the marketed products should be Romanian, while the law clearly states that it is about 'the short procurement chain';
- the new law complies with Regulation 1169/2011 on product labelling, therefore the UECBV request for an infringement procedure is unfounded;
- the UECBV incorrectly states the alleged violation of the single European market regulations, in fact solely because large retailers are obliged to sell Romanian products.

Under these circumstances, Romania cannot be subject to an infringement procedure solely as a result of translation errors and the biased construction of its own legislation.

Considering the above, what is the Commission's position on the letter from the above union?