

Question for written answer E-009159/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Nutrition labelling for alcoholic drinks

Wine is a natural product obtained from the fermentation of grapes. The result of this fermentation depends on a set of factors that farmers cannot control. However talk of extending the nutrition labelling requirement to wine as well is being heard more and more.

Small producers would then have to bear the costs of analyses for every year's vintage and for every grape variety planted, which would substantially reduce their competitiveness and increase their business risks. Their product would shifted, through legislation, to a higher band and they would lose a marketing lever as a result.

In view of the above, does the Commission consider that small and medium-sized enterprises should be exempted from this burden?