

**Question for written answer E-003846/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Criteria used to assess the self-regulatory approach on the labelling of alcoholic beverages

The Commission has recently published its long overdue report on the mandatory labelling of the list of ingredients and nutritional information of alcoholic beverages (COM (2017)0058), in which it invites the industry to present within a year of adoption of the report 'a self-regulatory proposal that would cover the entire sector of alcoholic beverages'.

This approach is in contrast to existing mandatory obligations for most other food products and contrary to the wishes of the European Parliament, many Member State experts and public health and consumer organisations, all of whom have been calling for labelling rules. Needless to say, the lack of a legislative proposal is very disappointing.

Nonetheless, in an Exchange of Views held in Parliament on 29 May 2017, it was pleasing to learn that the Commission is committed to ensuring that the information should be provided on the actual product label.

Some alcohol companies are currently providing nutritional information online on a per serving basis without also providing it per 100ml. This is not permitted under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

1. Can the Commission confirm that, under its proposed self-regulatory approach, it will insist on labelling per 100ml, and will only allow alternative labelling forms as an addition to the per 100ml method?
2. Can it also outline what other criteria it will be using to assess the industry's proposal?