Question for written answer E-004372/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Mireille D'Ornano (ENF)

Subject: New food allergies and intolerances

Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 stipulates that information on the presence of substances or products which can cause allergies or intolerances needs to be included in food labelling. A list of those substances and products has been drawn up, and 'the power to adopt delegated acts (...) should be delegated to the Commission in respect of, inter alia, (...) the re-examination of the list' (recital 58).

The use of new ingredients in the food industry exposes European consumers to new allergens. Moreover, both importing and developing new consumption patterns also increase the risk of allergies. For example, in a report published in 2015, the French food safety agency (Anses) cited allergens contained in edible insects, but they were not taken into account in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

- 1. Were experts consulted to decide whether new allergens should be added to the list in Annex 2 to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011?
- 2. Does the Commission intend to update the list in the near future to take into consideration new food trends?

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