Question for written answer E-005009/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Consumer protection and food intended for sportspeople

In a 20016 report on food intended for sportspeople, the Commission recognised that sport had become a mainstream activity among the general public in Europe. It further stated that 'people carrying out sports activity can hardly be characterised as a specific vulnerable group of consumers but rather as a target group of the general population...'

However, the specific rules on labelling, advertising, ingredients in and the sale of food for sportspeople lapsed on 20 July 2016. The Commission would have us believe that no specific provisions are needed to cover these products.

The French authorities and certain European consumers' associations are, however, of the opinion that dedicated EU rules would improve the safety of foods for sportspeople. Moreover, professionals in the sector believe the wide variety of rules at national level to be prejudicial to the functioning of the single market in this area.

Does the Commission therefore intend to go back on its decision to remove specific regulations on food intended for sportspeople, and thus exercise greater control over the sale and consumption of these products?

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