

**Question for written answer E-001046/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Labelling of alcoholic beverages

Under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, in the case of beverages containing more than 1.2% alcohol by volume it is not mandatory for that information to include a list of ingredients and a nutrition declaration. In March 2017, the Commission gave alcoholic beverage producers one year to propose a system of self-regulation.

A key issue will be to decide how the information should be presented: on- or off-label. The Commission report found that the majority of consumers rarely look at off-label information sources. Similar findings were published in 2016 in a report by the trade organisation The Brewers of Europe.

Can the Commission confirm that listing ingredients and nutritional values 'off-label' is not a sufficiently clear way of putting that information across and that this format is unpopular with consumers?

Will the Commission call for the information to be provided 'on-label' when the alcohol industry presents its proposal in March 2018?