

**Question for written answer E-001966/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Lists of ingredients with indication of origin in catering services

The Grana Padano cheese consortium (Consorzio Grana Padano) has reported that many catering outlets do not declare in writing on their menus, or at self-service restaurant counters, the provenance of the ingredients they use. Consumers, therefore, cannot know whether the dishes are prepared with products bearing a designation of origin, such as Grana Padano, Parmigiano Reggiano, or 'Made in Italy' hams or oils, or whether they are prepared with low-cost, poor quality products imported from abroad. That is why, in order to increase transparency and provide consumers with accurate information, the Director-General of Consorzio Grana Padano, Stefano Berni, has proposed that the EU should pledge to make it compulsory to state, on menus or at self-service restaurant counters, the list of the ingredients used in dishes, specifying their provenance, in particular with regard to meat, oil and cheese. Noting that the 290 000 catering outlets operating in Italy account for 35 % of food expenditure, and given the importance of ensuring that the public has a choice when it comes to purchasing agri-food products and of protecting excellent Italian-made agri-food products, can the Commission say:

- 1) whether it intends to follow up on the proposal to make it a compulsory requirement to state the provenance of the ingredients used by catering services;
- 2) whether it will promote the consumption of Italian and European products bearing a designation of origin, through awareness-raising campaigns?