Question for written answer P-000082/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Olga Sehnalová (S&D)

Subject: Statement of presence and content of trans-fatty acids in foods

Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers assigns to the Commission the duty of presenting a report by 13 December 2014 on the presence of fats containing trans-fatty acids in foods and generally in the diet of EU citizens. In case of need the Commission has to put forward a legislative proposal together with this report.

When is the Commission going to present this report to the European Parliament, and is the Commission getting ready to submit a legislative proposal regulating the presence of trans-fatty acids in foods, or flagging up the presence of trans-fatty acids?

This Regulation contains a list of mandatory and voluntarily provided information on foods, including nutritional data, which manufacturers may state over and above the mandatory information on packs for foods. Trans-fatty acids do not count among these optional voluntary data.

Does current European legislation bar stating the presence and content of trans-fatty acids on food packaging, and if so, what sanctions threaten manufacturers for stating such information?

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