Question for written answer P-001114/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Angelo Ciocca (ENF)

Subject: Labelling

Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council stipulates that labels for agricultural products or foodstuffs must include the place of provenance or country of origin when the primary ingredient comes from a country different to that of the end product.

This is to stop consumers being misled through a lack of information when making a purchase.

On 12 May 2016 Parliament adopted resolution P8_TA(2016)0225 on mandatory indication of the origins of certain food products.

These acts have not passed into law, however, creating an extremely serious gap in labelling regulations that places both producers and consumers at a disadvantage, and which is producing a market for products labelled in a way that is not truthful as regards the origins of their raw materials.

Can the Commission explain how it is possible that these acts have not yet passed into law?

Continuing with the theme of food transparency, does it seem to the Commission that Canada, has any plans to amend its own laws – as a consequence, even, of CETA – so that the 'provenance' and 'geographical origin' of products may provide added value?

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