

**Question for written answer P-003026/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Compatibility of front-of-package labelling with the law

Front-of-package labelling to provide consumers with information about the nutritional value of foods is already employed on a voluntary basis in some Member States and its introduction is being discussed in others. As a matter of principle, such labels must be consistent with the requirements laid down in Regulations (EU) No 1169/2011 and (EC) No 1924/2006.

There is an ongoing debate as to whether the Nutriscore label already in use in France and Belgium meets these requirements. That debate is also being conducted in the Commission's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF). On 22 June 2018, at a meeting of that standing committee, the Commission asserted its view that the 'positive' connotation of the green Nutriscore categories should be interpreted as a health claim.

1. Does the Commission take the view that the Nutriscore label is consistent with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006?
2. Does it take the view that the algorithm¹ on which the Nutriscore label is based is consistent with the requirements of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006?
3. If not: What steps has it taken, or does it plan to take, to ensure that Nutriscore and similar labels do not breach Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006?

¹ <https://www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/cpnp/files/about/uk-ofcom-nutrient-profile-model.pdf>