

**Question for written answer E-008696/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Improving consumer information with the introduction of nutrient profiling

Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods stipulates that the Commission should have, by 19 January 2009 at the latest, introduced nutrient profiles that foods or categories of foods would have to comply with if producers wished to make nutrition or health claims about them.

It is now July 2013 – four and a half years after the deadline – and despite the proposals, no law on nutrient profiling has yet been adopted, even though the list of permitted ‘general’ claims has been agreed (in Regulation (EU) No 432/2012).

Despite repeated requests from other MEPs, no clear explanation has yet been given as to the reasons for the delay, though this situation is likely to prevent consumers from having access to good information and might lead to the proliferation of national nutrition labelling systems which might not be compatible with EU legislation and the single market (see the case of the UK, for example).

1. When does the Commission intend to resume its work on nutrient profiling?
2. When will the final version be ready to be adopted by the Commission?