

**Question for written answer E-004581/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Labelling - processed meat ingredients found in foods

Some of the EU's greatest achievements are no doubt the single market, the principle of Four Freedoms and the prohibition of discrimination by citizenship. It is pleasing to observe the EU's progress down the right path to the highest standards of living and respect for the interests of its citizens by protecting and improving public health care, consumer protection and public safety.

Given the statement of the European Parliament approved in February concerning the countries of origin of the meat ingredients found in processed foods, the question emerges as to whether the precise indication of the countries of origin indeed serves the interests of the citizens. The financial aspect, namely the effect of the additional cost of labelling on the price, is merely one of many considerations involved in dealing with this issue. At the same time, there is the danger that putting this regulation into practice could lead to tensions between member states, not at the regulatory level, but in political rhetoric.

What safeguards does the European Commission envision while this regulation is being put into practice to prevent efforts that could, on grounds of protecting national products, lead to means of ruining the reputation of the products of other member states and thereby negatively influence public opinion?