

**Question for written answer E-001821/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of symbols in product labelling

Current EU legislation requires the inclusion on agri-food product labels of specific terms that could easily be replaced by internationally recognised abbreviations. The word 'energy' is an example: it currently has to be included, in the respective EU languages, despite the existence of the recognised 'E' symbol.

Given that there are internationally recognised abbreviations and units of measurement, does the Commission not agree that these should be used, so as to facilitate the labelling process for producers and packaging suppliers and make it easier for consumers travelling around in the EU to understand product information wherever they are – thereby making the Union as a shared space more accessible to everyone?