

**Question for written answer E-002764/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Calling for an end to Nutri-Score

In a letter sent to the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, some Members have proposed that the Nutri-Score labelling system become mandatory, and that it should be included in the upcoming Farm to Fork strategy. The aim of Nutri-Score is to encourage consumers to make proper food choices by using 5 letters (A to E), each bearing the colour of a traffic light. Already used on a voluntary basis by some EU countries, such a system would appear to provide a distorted picture of what a proper diet actually is, preferring junk food over a healthy Mediterranean diet. For instance, products such as olive oil have received a 'D' score. Such labelling would ultimately penalise quality 'Made in Italy' products – agri-food products, brands and companies which are a vital part of the economy. Given the importance of informing citizens and in view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

Does it believe that Nutri-Score really is the best tool for promoting nutritional education?

On what scientific grounds were the parameters used in awarding votes to those labels based?

Supporters¹

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