

**Question for written answer E-005964/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Dual food quality – further Commission action

In June 2019, the Commission's Joint Research Centre published a study comparing the quality of food products in the EU, which showed that as many as 31% of products had issues of dual quality, i.e. when the same or similar products have different ingredients or sensory characteristics in different Member States.

The current Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (Directive 2005/29/EC) does not directly address the issue of dual quality in food, and the guidelines for its application state explicitly that 'goods of the same brand and having the same or similar packaging may differ as to their composition depending on the place of manufacture and the destination market, i.e. they may vary from one Member State to another'.

In its resolution 'Better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules' (TA/2019/0399) of April 2019, Parliament called on the Commission to assess cases of goods placed on the market as identical but significantly different in composition or characteristics and, where appropriate, to consider such a commercial practice as unfair in the Annex to Directive 2005/29/EC.

In the light of the above, does the Commission plan further amendments to the legislation in order to completely eliminate the problem of dual-quality food and to guarantee that consumers from the eastern part of the EU enjoy the same quality of food as Western European consumers?