

**Question for written answer E-003790/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject:     Labelling of foodstuffs and alcoholic beverages

Under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, a list of ingredients and a nutrition declaration are mandatory in the case of foods, while beverages with an alcohol content exceeding 1.2% by volume are exempt<sup>1</sup>. In 2017, the Commission presented a report on mandatory labelling, pointing out that consumers were entitled to be fully informed about what they were drinking and calling on the industry to comply<sup>2</sup>. The mandatory labelling of ingredients, accompanied by a nutrition declaration, will accordingly be extended to alcoholic beverages by the end of 2022<sup>3</sup>.

In view of the ‘farm-to-fork’<sup>4</sup> and chemicals strategies<sup>5</sup>, as well as the CAP 2021-2027, the new wine CMO labelling provisions and the EU Regulation on aromatised wine products<sup>6</sup>:

1. Will the Commission call for the standardised labelling of beverages (including wines, beers, ciders and liqueurs) and foods, providing clear information regarding ingredients and additives?
2. Will it perpetuate current exemptions through the introduction of digital supports for the list of ingredients and the nutrition declaration, requiring only energy values to be indicated on the label?
3. How does it plan to uphold the right of consumers to know whether an alcoholic beverage contains pesticide residues, substances that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction (CMR), endocrine disruptors or processing aids?

**Supporter<sup>7</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Article 16(4) of the FIC Regulation.

<sup>2</sup> Report regarding the mandatory labelling of the list of ingredients and the nutrition declaration of alcoholic beverages, [https://ec.europa.eu/food/system/files/2017-03/fs\\_labelling-nutrition\\_legis\\_alcohol-report\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/system/files/2017-03/fs_labelling-nutrition_legis_alcohol-report_en.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, [https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/default/files/non\\_communicable\\_diseases/docs/eu\\_cancer-plan\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/default/files/non_communicable_diseases/docs/eu_cancer-plan_en.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0381>

<sup>5</sup> Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability - Towards a Toxic-Free Environment, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0667&from=EN#footnoteref51>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/06/25/council-and-ep-strike-provisional-deal-on-the-future-of-the-cap/>

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