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to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Alcohol content labelling and beverages for pregnant women

During pregnancy, some women want to be able to enjoy consuming beverages without endangering their health or that of their baby.

The growth of the non-alcoholic carbonated drinks market is a positive development. However, in some cases it is difficult to determine whether these beverages really are alcohol-free. Indeed, the alcohol content of some low-alcohol (non-alcoholic) beverages is unclear (<0.5% alcohol content) or barely visible. Moreover, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are sometimes placed next to each other. Furthermore, the presence of alcohol in certain food products, such as Japanese soya sauces, can be surprising.

Does the Commission intend to make arrangements to:

1. make the labelling of non-alcoholic beverages clearer and safer for pregnant women?
2. separate non-alcoholic beverages from alcoholic beverages in shops?
3. add a label warning pregnant women about the unexpected presence of alcohol in everyday consumer products?