

Question for written answer E-004927/2021
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Origin labelling of honey in the EU

According to reports, the Slovenian Presidency is aiming to achieve a better designation of origin for honey¹. The current EU labelling rules for honey require only very vague information on honey blends. For example, for a blend of EU honey with honey from China, the label 'blend of honey from EU and non-EU countries' has been sufficient until now. However, Slovenia is suggesting that the countries of origin of honey blends will in future be indicated individually on the label.

What specific adaptations does the Slovenian Presidency propose with regard to labelling? Is there a timeframe for this, and is the proposal supported by the Council as a whole?

¹ <https://www.politico.eu/article/china-honey-xi-jinping-brussels-agriculture-beekeepers/>