

**Question for written answer E-000400/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Import conditions and border controls for shelf-stable composite products containing Vitamin D

The Commission is working on amendments to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 on official controls to impose new import conditions on composite foods containing Vitamin D3 derived from lanolin. As a result, many shelf-stable composite foods containing Vitamin D will become subject to official border controls and administrative import requirements. Fortified foods containing Vitamin D are important to public health as Vitamin D insufficiency is prevalent across Europe<sup>1</sup>.

1. How will the Commission ensure that all legal modifications happen simultaneously with sufficient transition time to avoid supply chain disruptions for fortified foods?
2. Would the Commission consider exempting fortified foods containing Vitamin D that are otherwise plant-based from border controls?
3. When will the Commission be amending the list of shelf-stable composite products that are exempt from border controls?

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<sup>1</sup> Spiro, A., Buttress, J. L., 'Vitamin D: An overview of vitamin D status and intake in Europe', *Nutrition Bulletin*, December 2014, Vol 39(4), pp. 322-350.