

**Question for written answer E-001775/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Nutri-Score and potential confusion for consumers surrounding organic products –
Commission action

The Nutri-Score system is designed to make it easier for consumers to choose healthier foods and improve their eating habits. The idea is a good one, but the rules used to calculate the scores for individual products have given rise to a number of questions and may be misleading for consumers.

For many years now, the EU institutions have supported and promoted the production and consumption of organic products. EU and national information campaigns have raised awareness among consumers of the health and environmental benefits of choosing organic products. Environmental objectives are central to the EU's Green Deal and Farm to Fork strategies.

The Nutri-Score system, which is being used increasingly frequently in EU countries, completely ignores environmental aspects (the organic nature of products is not taken into account when the score is calculated). The positive image of organic products could be tarnished if, in addition to the organic logo (the leaf symbol), their labels bear the scores D or E (orange or dark orange). This could lead to confusion for consumers about the benefits associated with the products concerned, which is a breach of Article 36(2)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

I should like the Commission to answer the questions set out below.

What action is the Commission planning to take to ensure that the EU's forthcoming arrangements for front-of-pack nutrition labelling:

1. ensure the continuity of existing policies and positive perceptions of organic products; and
2. protect consumers against any confusion surrounding the benefits of choosing organic food?