

**Question for written answer E-002853/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: NutriScore system not suited to consumer use and harmful for producers – Commission position and EFSA's role

According to recent reports in the media, the Italian competition authority has announced that the NutriScore system cannot be used in Italy unless accompanied by a warning notice for consumers, as otherwise they could be misled when selecting food since it 'does not give consumers any incentive to make a proper appraisal so that they follow a sensible eating plan that meets their daily nutritional requirements'. In so doing, it is agreeing that Italian farmers are right; like their Spanish counterparts they are complaining that NutriScore is unjustifiably detrimental to star products in the healthy Mediterranean diet, such as olive oil and a large number of Spanish products.

The EU has a great opportunity here for the prestigious European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to establish its own homogeneous nutritional information system in all Member States.

In the light of this:

1. Is the Commission suggesting that EFSA should design a system to inform consumers about the nutritional values of food?
2. What progress has been made recently on the harmonisation of front-of-pack nutrition labelling as announced by the Commission?
3. Are decisions such as the one taken in Italy and the demands of farmers and the healthy Mediterranean diet being taken into account in the decision about a common labelling system?