

**Question for written answer E-003412/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Indication of the expiry date for online sales in the single digital market

Under European legislation, online retailers of food, cosmetics and non-medicinal health products (such as creams, ointments and body care products that have a specific expiry date on their packaging), including products for babies and children, are not required to state on their e-commerce platform the exact date of expiry or loss of efficacy of each product.

European consumers are therefore unknowingly purchasing products very close to their expiry dates, contributing to waste, in the case of food, and to the distribution of products that may be ineffective or damaging to health, in the case of non-food items.

Can the Commission say whether it plans to amend the existing legislation to introduce, in the single digital market, a requirement for the expiry dates of those food products and health products that have them to be indicated online?