

**Question for written answer E-003413/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ireland's plan to adopt secondary legislation on the labelling of alcoholic beverages

On 21 September 2022, the standstill period ended for the Commission to respond to a notification by Ireland, through the Technical Regulation Information System (TRIS) procedure under Directive (EU) 2015/1535, of draft regulations under its Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. The proposals were also reviewed under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 and would require alcoholic beverage containers sold on the Irish market to bear, inter alia:

A warning that 'drinking alcohol can cause liver disease';

A warning, in the form of a pictogram, of the dangers of alcohol consumption when pregnant;

A warning that 'there is a direct link between alcohol and fatal cancers';

The grams of alcohol and number of calories in the container.

These measures clearly disrupt proper functioning of the internal market; are incompatible with Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011; pre-empt planned EU-level action; and are opposed by multiple Member States. This opposition has been demonstrated through eight detailed opinions under the TRIS procedure.

In the face of manifestly unjustified and disproportionate measures, can the Commission explain why it issued no detailed or negative opinion through either the Directive (EU) 2015/1535 or Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 procedures?

Can the Commission also explain what it intends to do to ensure that Ireland addresses concerns shared by other Member States and is dissuaded from enacting the aforementioned measures?