

**Question for written answer E-003729/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Proposed regulations on labelling of alcoholic beverages in Ireland

On 21 June 2022, Ireland notified the Commission and the Member States of its plans to introduce new rules and regulations on the labelling of alcoholic beverages in its territory.

The proposals include mandatory health warnings (pictures and text) on bottle labels about the danger of alcohol consumption and its link to fatal cancers.

However, the Commission had previously announced its intention to introduce legislation in this area, adopting Europe's Beating Cancer Plan in 2021 and revising Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 (INCO) to extend its scope to the labelling of alcoholic beverages.

Nine Member States, including France, have submitted unfavourable detailed opinions. These proposed regulations appear to infringe EU legislation and the harmonised rules on alcoholic beverages at EU level. Moreover, they infringe the new wine labelling rules resulting from the revision of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, undertaken in December 2021 as part of the future CAP.

In the light of this clear violation of the integrity of the internal market, and in order to avoid any future risk of market fragmentation, what measures does the Commission intend to take in relation to the labelling of alcoholic beverages at EU level?

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