

**Question for written answer E-001489/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Labelling rules for honey: improving consumer information

On 21 April 2023, the Commission proposed that labels on pots of honey weighing more than 25 grams must include all the product's countries of origin.

This is better for the consumer because when honeys are mixed it is not always possible to know exactly where they come from. It depends on which country the product was packaged in.

Under Decree No 2022-482 of 4 April 2022, labels on pots of honey packaged in France must include all the product's countries of origin.

If not packaged in France, labels must only include one of the following disclaimers: 'blend of EU honeys', 'blend of non-EU honeys' or 'blend of EU and non-EU honeys'.

If the Commission's proposal is adopted, consumers will know exactly where their honey is coming from, meaning that they can boycott honeys which originate from countries suspected of engaging in food fraud, for example by adulterating their products with cheap sugar syrup.

To improve this proposal further, would the Commission consider making it compulsory for labels on honey products to include the percentage of honey broken down by country?

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