

**Question for written answer E-001932/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Introduction of market standards for cider, dried legumes and soya beans

According to press reports, almost all the Member States of the European Union expressed, on 5 June 2023, their willingness to establish market standards for certain agri-food products, and in particular for apple and pear cider, dried legumes and soya beans.

Although the aim of these new standards is to guarantee product quality for the benefit of the consumer, doubts still remain over the methods used to classify these products.

This is because the introduction of European labelling for these types of product could trigger imbalances in the internal market by overburdening European producers, and in particular SMEs and artisanal producers.

In view of the above, can the Commission state how it intends to guarantee the quality of these products, especially if they come from third countries, without overburdening European producers, and especially artisanal producers and SMEs?

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