

**Question for written answer E-003173/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Meat substitutes: definition of consumer protection

There is increasing pressure for consumers to adopt a vegetarian diet. A report by the WWF has linked the Commission's delay in achieving carbon neutrality to the common agricultural policy, which, in the view of the WWF, continues to inappropriately encourage the consumption of products of animal origin.

While we may dream of seeing more fruit and vegetables on our plates, it is clear that meat is actually being replaced mainly by prepared products, such as vegetarian steaks made from imported soya and often containing GMOs.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is it planning to provide a definition of meat substitutes in the coming months?
2. Will a label of origin for meat substitutes be proposed with the aim of encouraging local, and thus more sustainable, consumption of these products?
3. What progress has been made on mirror clauses for agricultural production, intended to support our producers and protect our consumers, while at the same time acting more consistently on the climate issue?

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