Question for written answer E-003490/2023 to the Commission Rule 138 Sandra Pereira (The Left)

Subject: Wine labelling rules

Changes to the Common Organisation of Markets Regulation introduced by Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 stipulate that a list of ingredients and nutrition declaration must be provided for wines and aromatised wine products. The new labelling rules will apply from 8 December 2023, while a clause allows stocks of products made before that date to be used up.

On 22 November 2023, the Commission adopted some draft guidelines in the form of questions and answers. The guidelines do not incorporate any changes, despite extensive efforts by organisations representing the sector to raise concerns. Questions related to displaying the QR code, clarity of the code, identification of ingredients and language regime give rise to issues that the wine sector considers highly detrimental to EU wine businesses.

- 1. Were wine sector organisations consulted during the process of creating additional rules on displaying the list of ingredients?
- 2. Given the sector's objections, is the Commission willing to suspend implementation of the questions and answers document and adopt new guidelines that take account of the sector's concerns, repealing those that have just been published?

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