

ORAL QUESTION H-0058/06
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Albert Maat
to the Commission

Subject: Consequences of ECJ ruling of 6 December 2005

Following the ECJ's ruling on the issue of labelling of animal feed, could the Commission inform the EP about its intention regarding the announced simplification of EU feed labelling rules, taking into account the necessary adaptation following the recent ECJ judgment?

Would the Commission be prepared to present a single, consolidated legislative proposal for a harmonised feed labelling regulation to the EP and the Council?

What is the Commission's view on the effects of quantitative labelling rules on feed and food safety, consumer information and intellectual property rights?

How does the European Commission intend to assure the right balance between protecting consumers and avoiding misleading information to feed customers on the one hand, and protecting intellectual property rights and providing legal certainty to feed business operators and customers on the other?

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