

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0077/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Nutritional information food labelling systems

With regard to food information for consumers, has the Commission reviewed the merits of the Overall Nutritional Quality Index (ONQI) developed by Yale University's Griffin Prevention Research Center?

The ONQI is a scoring system that ranks foods in order of their nutritional quality from 1 to 100, and is in use in several supermarkets across the USA. The goal is to give consumers nutritional information on one product as compared to others in a simple way, and to avoid simply using labels such as 'healthy' or 'unhealthy' and 'green' or 'red'.

In the opinion of the Commission, would such a system constitute an advisable additional measure that could be put in place by Member States?

How would the Commission assess the utility for the consumer of the ONQI as compared to Guideline Daily Amounts (GDA)?