Priority question for written answer P-001831/2022

to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Amendment of the Honey Directive 2001/110/EC

One of the objectives of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU was to review and amend the Honey Directive 2001/110/EC.

Under current EU legislation, when a honey blend is sold, the label does not have to indicate the countries from which the honey is imported and the amount of both EU and non-EU honey in the blend. Such labelling does not provide reliable information to consumers and puts EU honey producers at a disadvantage, since their honey will struggle to compete with imported honey due to higher production costs.

Is the process of amending the Directive currently underway and, if so, at what stage is it and when can a final decision be expected?