

**Priority question for written answer P-000783/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Harmonised and mandatory nutrition labelling in the EU

The Commission has announced a revision of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, as part of which it is proposing harmonised and mandatory nutrition labelling. Nutri-Score, which to date has been voluntarily introduced in seven Member States, seems to be the preferred choice in this connection.

It has been criticised in the Netherlands by over 180 nutritionists and physicians. Nutri-Score assigns products an absolute rating, but that rating is based on a comparison with products within the same category, with no account being taken of a healthy and varied diet. In addition, Nutri-Score is based on self-reported data from food producers, which hinders independent scrutiny. Ratings do not match the Wheel of Five pattern in the Netherlands, and the current Nutri-Score scheme seems to be contrary to fair information practices as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

1. Does the Commission agree that Nutri-Score is contrary to Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, and is it considering adapting Nutri-Score or an alternative nutrition label?
2. Will the Commission assess the impact of a nutrition label on consumer behaviour and health before revising Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011?
3. Will the Commission prioritise healthy lifestyles, in addition to nutrition labelling, in order to promote active ageing?

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