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Answer given by Ms Kyriakides  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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All foods placed on the EU market have to comply with the labelling requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011<sup>1</sup> (FIC Regulation). The FIC Regulation provides the basis for high-level consumer protection through food information and lays down the means to guarantee consumer rights in this regard. It requires the mandatory indication of all ingredients on pre-packed food and provides that mandatory food information shall be marked so as to be easily visible, clearly legible and, where appropriate, indelible.

In the case of insects authorised as novel foods, the Commission has laid down additional labelling requirements<sup>234567</sup> under the Novel Food Regulation<sup>8</sup> with regard to the indication of the name of the specific insects, and of the fact that the latter may cause allergic reactions.

The existing legal framework ensures that consumers are well informed about the possible presence of insects in their food, thus enabling them to make informed choices about the food they eat.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32011R1169>

<sup>2</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2021/0882/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/0882/oj)

<sup>3</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2021/1975/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/1975/oj)

<sup>4</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2022/169/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/169/oj)

<sup>5</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2022/188/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/188/oj)

<sup>6</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2023/5/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/5/oj)

<sup>7</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2023/58/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/58/oj)

<sup>8</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/2283/oj>