

**Priority question for written answer P-001086/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Standards relating to honey labelling and quality – revision of Directive 2001/110/EC

At the Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting on 30 January 2023, EU agriculture ministers called on the Commission to present a revision of the Directive relating to honey (2001/110/EC). The main reason for the revision is the need to provide consumers with accurate information on the country of origin of honey.

However, social organisations in the apiculture products sector in Poland have raised some concerns about potential changes to the Directive. The Polish body which represents the apiculture sector (Polska Izba Miodu) stresses that the industry should not be charged additional costs and that product labelling must not undermine competition rules. Furthermore, the country of origin labelling requirements must be easily and unambiguously verifiable and technically feasible and must not paralyse the activities of undertakings in view of the variability of honey and its varying availability.

In this connection, I would like to enquire about the scope of the Commission's work on Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey:

1. What arrangements have been made in this matter?
2. Is there a timetable for action and activities in relation to this issue?

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