

**Priority question for written answer P-001666/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: A labelling loophole: the need for the proper labelling of medication for vegans, vegetarians and people with allergies

The European Medicines Agency determines the information requirements for medication labels. However, the manufacturer cannot add any additional information. The agency does not require manufacturers to list whether medicinal products are of plant/animal origin.

This is an issue for those following a plant-based lifestyle and for those who are allergic to animal-derived ingredients, as they are prevented from making an informed choice about what medicine they take. This lack of clear and accurate information on medication labels poses a significant challenge for many people. It could have health consequences for people with allergies and is discriminatory towards vegetarians and vegans. Providing complete information about the origin of a product serves to protect consumers' rights and to foster transparency and accountability in the pharmaceutical industry.

In this context:

1. Is the Commission willing to advocate for the proper labelling of medication in order to take into account vegetarians, vegans and people with allergies?
2. Does it plan to ensure that vegans, vegetarians and people with allergies have suitable options when choosing their medications?

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