

**Priority question for written answer P-003005/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Inflation and net content of packaged products

Rising inflation in the EU has resulted in new ways of defrauding the consumer. This mainly boils down to changes in the net content of products. Often, the packaging remains the same, but the quantity is changed. However, the use of low-quality substitutes has also been reported in some Member States as a means of reducing production costs.

1. Given that traders in some Member States have started to label products with a significant change in quantity in order to provide clearer information to consumers, is the Commission considering introducing guidelines for all traders?
2. Given that changing ingredients without clear labelling is contrary to the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, does the Commission plan to provide additional guidelines and resources to Member States so that they can better enforce it?

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