

Question for written answer E-015942/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Nutrient profiles

Regulation EC 1924/2006 establishes rules on health and nutrition claims on food. Article 4 thereof obliged the Commission to establish nutrient profiles in order to help set conditions for the use of health and nutrition claims and to prevent claims from encouraging, for example, the consumption of foods which may be high in fat, salt or sugar.

Despite repeated requests from Members of the European Parliament and the requirements of Article 4 of the above-mentioned regulation, the Commission has still not published these nutrient profiles.

The deadline for publishing the profiles expired nearly 7 years ago, and the legislation setting out this obligation was adopted almost a decade ago.

In response to previous questions on this issue, the Commission has indicated that the adoption of nutrient profiles soon is unlikely (e.g. in its answer to written question E-005223/2015).

Can the Commission provide any updates on progress made towards the adoption of nutrient profiles?

After such a lengthy period - nearly 10 years since the adoption of the legislation – will the Commission concede that it does not intend to adopt nutrient profiles and that as a result the EU's legislation on health and nutrition claims and the consumer protection which derives from it has been undermined?