

**Question for written answer E-015922/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Plan for revising Regulation (EC) No 607/2009 on the labelling of wine

The Commission is preparing amendments to Regulation (EC) No 607/2009 and has expressed the intention of separating the provisions concerning geographical indications for wine from those concerning marketing standards and those concerning traditional terms by drafting three new regulations, each to be fleshed out by a delegated implementing act. This approach would further complicate regulation and pointlessly increase the number of legislative acts on labelling, contrary to the Commission's stated priorities for simplifying legislation.

1. What simplification would be brought about by this plan for revising Regulation (EC) No 607/2009, bearing in mind that operators would be compelled to comply not just with one legislative act but with six separate regulations containing 'cross-cutting' provisions on wine, fruit and vegetables, olive oil, etc.?
2. Does not the Commission consider that it would be more appropriate to improve regulation of labelling, the rules on geographical indications and traditional terms relating to wines, while preserving the principle that the provisions should be laid down by a single legislative act, from which operators could easily ascertain the requirements with which they must comply?
3. Can the Commission uphold the principle that specific legislation should apply to wine, as this is a product whose specificity has always been recognised and safeguarded by the Commission?