

**Question for written answer E-015046/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pet food

Under Regulation (EC) No 767/2009, the indication of the specific name of the feed material may be replaced by the name of the category to which the feed materials belong. In such cases an appropriate means of communication (such as a free phone number) must be indicated to allow the purchaser to obtain information in addition to the mandatory particulars of the feed materials and feed additives contained in the pet food.

This rule leaves manufacturers too much room for manoeuvre, and may indeed often lead to consumers being misled. Taking into account, for example, the short digestive system of dogs, it is important that feedstuffs which enter their bodies are easily digestible. Unfortunately in many cases, as the packaging only has to show the category, the purchaser does not know whether the indicated quantity of protein is of animal origin, which is appropriate for them, of plant origin, which leaves the dog's system without being used, or is possibly even made up of soya, which can actually be harmful to the dog. Commercial practices of this nature are often deceptive to consumers and in the long term can even be dangerous to animal health, and so they call for further legislation.

Does the Commission intend to initiate the enactment of independent, detailed legislation on the composition and labelling of pet food, taking into account first and foremost the health of animals?