

Question for written answer E-015941/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Report on alcohol labelling required under Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011

Under Article 16(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, the Commission was required to produce a report concerning the exclusion of alcoholic beverages from the obligation to provide ingredients and nutrition information by 13 December 2014.

As of 13 December 2015, the Commission has not fulfilled this obligation and the report has not been delivered.

In a resolution adopted in April 2015¹ the European Parliament called on the Commission to deliver the missing report.

This month Member States adopted Council Conclusions which noted the need for better labelling of alcoholic beverages and invited the Commission to consider the introduction of mandatory labelling of the ingredients and a nutrition declaration, in particular of the energy value, of alcoholic beverages.

In addition, some alcohol producers have decided to move forward on the issue without the Commission's report.

1. Does the Commission agree that there is a clear need for it to act on the issue of alcohol labelling?
2. Can the Commission explain why the report has been delayed?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge that the lack of action has created an absurd situation where consumers have more information about milk than the alcoholic drinks they consume and is also creating disparities within the internal market?

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0174.