

**Question for written answer E-000696/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Harmonisation of nutritional composition and labelling requirements for young child formula in the EU

The Political Guidelines for the new Commission state: ‘We need a new momentum to complete the single market’. This is also true for a number of food products. The EU single market is notably fragmented when it comes to young child formula (YCF), also known as ‘growing up milk’.

While the EU strictly regulates the formula for infants up to the age of one, this is not the case for YCF for children aged one to three. Today, there is a fragmentation of the EU internal market: the composition and labels have to be adapted to the different interpretations and requirements of Member States.

In addition, according to the Commission’s 2016 report on YCF¹, ‘EU manufacturers are leaders in the global scene’. However, the lack of strict and harmonised EU regulation might threaten the trust in and popularity of European-made YCF in third countries.

Does the Commission plan to regulate nutritional composition and labelling in relation to nutrition reference value requirements for YCF at the EU level?

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¹ COM(2016)0169, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52016DC0169>.