

**Question for written answer E-003388/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Labelling of animal-derived ingredients in medicines

The use of animal-derived ingredients in medicines is common, yet EU residents often cannot identify these components due to inconsistent or unclear labelling practices. For ethical, religious, medical or dietary reasons many patients require transparency in order to make informed choices.

Given that EU consumer legislation already provides for clear labelling in other sectors, improved disclosure in medicinal products would strengthen patient rights and trust while imposing minimal burden on industry.

1. In the light of the issues faced by millions of consumers, can the Commission indicate whether it intends to propose legislation requiring mandatory and standardised labelling on packaging and patient information leaflets of all animal-derived ingredients used in medicinal products?
2. Additionally, can the Commission state whether it will consider establishing a centralised, publicly accessible database listing such ingredients for authorised medicines marketed in the EU?

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