

**Question for written answer E-003834/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Indicating the origin of frozen fruit and vegetables

Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 lays down the general framework for the provision of food information to consumers. It stipulates, in particular, that the country of origin or place of provenance must be indicated whenever its absence is likely to mislead consumers.

However, this requirement does not apply as a general rule to frozen fruit and vegetables. Consequently, unlike certain fresh products that are subject to specific rules on the indication of origin, consumers may not have clear information on the origin of frozen fruit or vegetables.

This raises questions regarding transparency and consumer information, given that the origin of products can play a key role in consumers' purchasing choices.

1. Why is the rule on indication of origin not applied in general to frozen fruit and vegetables?
2. Does the Commission intend to amend Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 or the applicable sectoral rules to make it compulsory to indicate the 'EU' or 'non-EU' origin of frozen fruit and vegetables for the final consumer?

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