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Following the Commission's announcement in Europe's Beating Cancer Plan related to the mandatory labelling of ingredients and nutrient content on alcoholic beverages, work has been undertaken, including scientific studies, public consultations, and targeted surveys¹.

In December 2021, Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 of the European Parliament and of the Council² amending Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ was adopted. It lays down new labelling requirements concerning the ingredient list and nutrition declaration for grapevine products and aromatised wine products, applicable from 8 December 2023, except for wine produced before that date. The amending Regulation allows this information to be presented either on a label attached to the package or by electronic means identified on the package or the physical label - with the exception of the energy value which has to be always provided on the package or on a label attached thereto.

The beers and spirits sectors signed in 2019 two Memoranda of Understanding concerning the list of ingredients and nutrition declaration, which are currently being implemented. The spirits sector provides the energy value on label and the list of ingredients via a digital label⁴, while the beer sector provides such information on label⁵.

Continued work on food labelling will pay particular attention to minimising any related burdens and finding balanced, pragmatic solutions which facilitate the functioning of the internal market.

¹ https://food.ec.europa.eu/food-safety/labelling-and-nutrition/food-information-consumers-legislation/proposal-revision-regulation-fic_en

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2117/oj>

³ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj>

⁴ CP.MI-098-2019: <https://spirits.eu/upload/files/publications/CP.MI-098-2019-MoU-Final Version on website without signature- 4 June 2019.pdf>

⁵ Labelling - The Brewers of Europe: <https://brewersofeurope.eu/our-priorities/labelling/>