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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Member States must transpose Directive (EU) 2024/1438¹ by 14 December 2025. To date, three Member States have notified their national provisions to the Commission, namely Bulgaria, Spain and Lithuania.

New labelling requirements will apply from 14 June 2026. Products placed on the market or labelled before 14 June 2026 may continue to be marketed until the exhaustion of stocks.

The reviewed Honey Directive empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts laying down methods and criteria to determine the place where honey has been harvested and Union-wide traceability requirements for honey from the harvesting producer or importer to the consumer. The Honey Platform has been set up to improve knowledge and formulate recommendations on honey composition and traceability.

Support for apiculture under Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic plans continues to be available for advisory services, technical assistance, training, information and exchange of best practices, actions to support laboratories for the analysis of apiculture products, cooperation with specialised bodies for the implementation of research programmes, promotion, communication and marketing.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1438/oj>.