



Public consultation on transparency measures for nanomaterials on the market reply of FoodDrinkEurope

FoodDrinkEurope considers transparency of information on nanomaterials as paramount in communicating with the supply chain, the authorities and society. Existing data bases already inform about the safety of nanomaterials. Such data bases would include information on nanomaterials used in food.

Food has a labelling obligation as per 13 December 2014 to comply with FIC Regulation - (EU) No 1169/2011.

We acknowledge that some countries have chosen, for their own national needs, to establish, or are considering establishing national inventories, either by creating new ones (France, Belgium), or by adapting existing databases or laws (Norway, Denmark). FoodDrinkEurope considers that a variety of national reporting schemes, including their associated reporting requirements, will create unnecessary burden and confusion, since each member state has its own definition of a 'nanomaterial' and differing exemptions for reporting. Such confusion leads to administrative costs for authorities and companies, with no benefits for consumers.

We welcome the approach chosen by Belgium and Denmark, i.e. exclude those categories of products which are regulated from a nano register. These products include ingredients that need to be kept out of the scope of national registers or a European register of nanomaterials.

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