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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations

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Subject: AOB item for the meeting of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council of 23 and 24 June 2025:  
Special Report of the European Court of Auditors "Food labelling in the European Union"  
*- Information from Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, the Netherlands and Spain*

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Labels provide consumers with information about the content of their food and help them to make informed purchasing decisions. Following upon the special report of the European Court of Auditors end of 2024 , it is concluded that there are notable gaps in the EU legal framework regarding food labelling as well as weaknesses in the monitoring, reporting, control systems, and sanctions. This leads to consumers being confronted with labels that can be confusing or misleading.

We believe that swift implementation of the recommendations in the Special Report is vital to improving food labelling in the EU and crucial to ensure that consumers are empowered to make informed and healthy food choices.

Therefore, we request the Commission

- to give follow up to the recommendations of the European Court of Auditors, with focus on:
  - The evaluation of the 'on hold' botanical health claims, ensuring better consumer protection and the creation of a harmonized playing field across the EU.
  - The development of nutrient profiles for nutrition and health claims, as these profiles could help prevent the frequent occurrence of claims being applied to products that are high in fat, sugar, and/or salt.
  - The implementation of harmonized European legislation on precautionary allergen labelling. We would encourage the start of this new legislation in anticipation of the Codex discussion on this matter.
- to adopt concrete proposals as mentioned in the recommendations and to share timelines for addressing these issues.

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