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Answer given by Ms Kyriakides
on behalf of the European Commission
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Improving consumer information and encouraging healthy diets are important objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy¹. The Commission has announced its ambition to propose a harmonised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling (FOPNL) at EU level.

The strategy does not recommend any specific type of FOPNL scheme and no choice has been made at this stage. This choice will be based on the results of an impact assessment, consultation of Member States and stakeholders and scientific advice².

The Commission has launched an impact assessment on the different possible options for FOPNL³. The impact assessment will underpin the Commission's proposal by assessing and comparing the potential impacts of the different policy options. The impact assessment will consider the effect of the different options on e.g. consumers, food business operators, Member States, the internal market and public health.

As announced in its inception impact assessment⁴, the possibility to apply specific conditions to certain categories of food will be explored.

¹ COM(2020) 381

² The Commission has asked the European Food Safety Authority to provide scientific advice (<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news/efsas-scientific-advice-inform-harmonised-front-pack-labelling-and-restriction>) and the Joint Research Centre to update the previous literature review (<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/eur-scientific-and-technical-research-reports/front-pack-nutrition-labelling-schemes-comprehensive-review>), taking into account the latest scientific publications and papers.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12749-Revision-of-food-information-to-consumers>

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