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Delegations will find in the Annex a background paper prepared by the Presidency with a view to the lunch discussion at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 26 September 2022.

**"AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES" Council - 26 September 2022****Ministerial lunch: Food labelling and front-of-pack nutrition labelling****Overall EU food labelling framework**

As announced in the Farm to Fork Strategy, the European Commission is preparing a revision of the existing legislation on food labelling, currently regulated by Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. The revision will include front-of-pack nutrition labelling, date marking ('use by' date and 'best before' date), the extension of mandatory origin labelling to certain categories of food and foods as ingredients as well as labelling of alcoholic beverages. The EC plans to present a proposal for the revision of the food labelling Regulation in the coming months.

**Front-of-pack nutrition labelling**

The rules for mandatory nutrition declaration (using a table format) are harmonised and laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011. Manufacturers are required to provide information on energy, carbohydrates, sugars, fat, saturates, protein and salt per 100g or 100ml of the product anywhere on the pack. On a voluntary basis, information on the content of other nutrients may be provided.

The Regulation also harmonises the rules for the front-of-pack nutrition declaration as well as the rules for voluntary nutrition declaration by additional forms of expression, presentation or systems.

**Discussion questions:**

***1. Do you consider that the current EU legislation on food labelling which provides consumers with information such as country of origin/place of provenance and date marking (use-by date and best before date), etc. is sufficient? Should the corresponding existing obligations be extended or modified and/or additional voluntary or mandatory rules be introduced to better inform consumers?***

***2. Do you consider that the current EU nutrition labelling requirements are sufficient? Should a new rules of nutrition labelling on the front of pack be introduced or should we rather focus on educating consumers towards a healthier lifestyle and the ability to better understand the information already provided?***