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Subject:	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption, 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption - Comments from the German delegation

Delegations will find in the annex the comments from the German delegation on the above-mentioned proposal.

Comments from the German delegation

Germany thanks the SWE-Presidency for the opportunity to send questions of clarification in advance of the meeting of the Working Group for Agricultural Products on 16 May 2023.

In the fruit juice directive, COM has suggested to reintroduce the labelling option "fruit juices do not contain added sugars". However, the question arises how this suggested labelling is in line with the ban on advertising with self-evident facts anchored in the Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011. Germany would very much appreciate it if COM could provide more details on this. Furthermore, Germany would thank the COM if it could explain how the proposal for this labelling takes into account EFSA's opinion from 2022 on the safe upper intake level for sugars in the diet. In this opinion, EFSA stated that, among other things, the consumption of fruit juices is associated with an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes and gout.
