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On 4th July, the Estonian Consumers Union, Eesti Tarbijakaitse Liit handed over a petition to the President of the Estonian Parliament calling for the mandatory labelling of the list of ingredients and nutrition declaration on alcoholic beverages. They published a [press release](#), where they emphasised consumers' right to know what is in their drinks.

ETL supports the principle that alcoholic beverages should display information on ingredients and the nutritional value on the label, just like with all other foods. ETL is not in favour of providing this information online as there will always be people who do not use the internet on a daily basis for economic, social or any other reasons. They should therefore not be excluded from this information.

Nutritional information such as calorie content allows the consumer to better monitor their diet and make healthy food choices. ETL believe that alcohol labelling is above all a matter of consumer rights and they agree with the European Commission's [report](#) which found no valid justification for exempting alcoholic drinks from providing food information.

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- 08/11/2018 10:25 AM ENVI Committee vote on Summer Draft Report on General Food Law revision
- 20/11/2018 12:00 AM BEUC Annual Food Experts Meeting - 20 & 21 November 2018

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On 4th July, together with some farmers organisations, the Estonian Consumers Union, Eesti Tarbijakaitse Liit handed over a letter to the President of the Estonian Parliament calling on the food industry, the Estonian government and the Members of the Estonian Parliament to [tackle misleading origin labels on products](#).

Estonian consumers are increasingly looking for local products. Yet they are misled by the plethora of food labels on the Estonian market and the use of the Estonian flag on products which in fact are made from ingredients coming from another country.

Eesti Tarbijakaitse Liit calls for **clear and trustworthy origin labels** allowing consumers to unambiguously identify the real origin of the food products they purchase.

The recently adopted [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/775](#) setting rules for labelling the origin of the primary ingredient(s) of a food is expected to partly address Eesti Tarbijakaitse Liit's concerns (even though it has limitations which have been [challenged by BEUC](#)), yet it will not apply before 1 April 2020.

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