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European Commission
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Delay in Release of the Food Information to Consumers Regulation – meeting request

Dear Ms Domenech,

foodwatch is an independent, consumer-based organisation, campaigning for healthy, safe and affordable food for all. We have been active in the area of Front of Pack Nutritional Labelling (FOPNL) in the countries where we are present (France, Germany, The Netherlands, and more recently Austria) and are keen to see a harmonised and mandatory FOPNL across the EU as soon as possible to help in the battle against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

For this reason we are concerned to learn of the delay of the Food Information to Consumers (FIC) regulation. As stated in your own report, NCDs such as type 2 diabetes, cancer, and cardio vascular disease are responsible for 77% of the disease burden in the European region. They cause substantial human suffering and threaten the financial position of households.¹ Although not the only measure that is needed, a mandatory and harmonised FOPNL is an important tool in helping to reverse the epidemic of obesity that we are witnessing in the EU, which is a key risk factor for NCDs.

We attach for your information a recent factsheet developed by foodwatch which gives an overview of where we stand on the issue. We state that we have no time to lose, yet we are losing time. The package has been delayed with no new set date for its release.

We are therefore writing to you to request a meeting with you in order to better understand the reason for the delays and the reflections of the European Commission concerning this important piece of legislation.

foodwatch is available to meet you in person or via video conference at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2022-06/eu-ncd-initiative_publication_en_0.pdf