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This article is regularly updated, but if you believe there have been new developments, do not hesitate communicating it to [Lara Garrido-Herrero](#).

EPHA is closely following the developments in the EP of the Commission's draft [Regulation on nutrition and health claims made on foods](#).

Three [Committees](#) of the EP will be working on the draft Regulation. The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety ([ENV](#)) has issued a report, and the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy ([ITRE](#)) and on Internal Market and Consumer Protection ([IMCO](#)) have issued an opinion.

The **plenary** of the European Parliament will vote on the Regulation on **26 May 2005**.

Articles **4 and 11** are the most controversials (on nutrition profiles and implied health claims).

There is a general agreement amongst political groups that article 4 will stay, but amendments will be made to it.

Some political groups are concerned about article 11, and believe that pressure should be made there too.

Environment Commitee

Mme Poli Bortone (UEN) tabled her [draft report](#) on 2 February 2005. This report includes **41 amendments** to the Commission Proposal. The rest of the members of the Committee had until the 16 February to table their amendments. More than [350 amendments](#) were tabled.

The members of the ENV Committee had the opportunity to debate the amendments on 16 March. It was agreed that the amendments would be regrouped according to their similarity in the perspective of the vote.

For a detailed report, please see the attached document below.

The vote on these amendments in the ENV Committee will take place on **21 April 2005**.



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Industry Committee

Ms [Angelika Niebler \(EPP-ED\)](#) submitted her [draft opinion for the ITRE committee](#) in November.

IMPORTANT: There is a slight **mistake** in the **English version** of **Art. 11 II**. In the end of Art. 11 II misses the sentence: "**shall not be allowed**".

So it should read as this "claims which make reference to the advice of doctors or other health professionals, or their professional associations, or charities, or suggest that health could be affected by not consuming the food SALL NOT BE ALLOWED".

[90 amendments](#) have been tabled by other members of the ITRE Committee which were voted at the end of February 2005.

The [final opinion](#) was adopted by the ITRE Committee on 17 March.

The Internal Market Committee

Alexander Stubb (EPP) is in charge of drafting an **opinion** to the draft Regulation. The IMCO Committee will vote on it in March 2005.

On the meeting of 1 February, Mr Stubb provided an update on the state of play regarding his report on the proposed Regulation on nutrition and health claims. He was supposed to hand in his draft report but this was not possible. The first real discussion took place on 16 March and the adoption is scheduled for 18-19 April.

Mr Stubb's draft opinion asks for the deletion of Articles 4 and 11. For a detailed report on the debate that was held on the 16 March, please see attached document.