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**REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND  
THE COUNCIL**

**on the case for a local farming and direct sales labelling scheme**

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Proposed issues to be addressed in the framework of discussions on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the case for a local farming and direct sales labelling scheme:

- Some of the instruments in place at the EU level to support local agriculture and direct sales do not appear to have been implemented in a consistent manner. Are these instruments still appropriate?
- Stakeholders have identified certain EU rules — such as hygiene or public procurement rules — which they feel impede the development of local farming. The Commission considers that EU legislation already provides flexibility which is not fully used. Do the European Parliament and the Council share the Commission's view? Is there a need for clearer specifications at EU level for rules concerning small-scale productions?
- Several labelling schemes exist at national/regional level to support local farming. Could a specific EU scheme provide value added for farmers and at the same time provide consumers with information, thus helping to reduce misleading consumer information? Should such a labelling scheme include a symbol/logo?
- Given that the use of a labelling scheme inevitably includes costs, how should an EU scheme be developed that is unburdensome for farmers, while providing sufficient guarantees for consumers?