

Full title of law or regulation

REGULATION (EU) No 609/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 12 June 2013 on food intended for infants and young children, food for special medical purposes, and total diet replacement for weight control and repealing Council Directive 92/52/EEC, Commission Directives 96/8/EC, 1999/21/EC, 2006/125/EC and 2006/141/EC, Directive 2009/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulations (EC) No 41/2009 and (EC) No 953/2009

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Title of relevant section

Recital 31

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Clauses

There is an increasing number of milk-based drinks and similar products on the Union market which are promoted as being particularly suitable for young children. Such products, which can be derived from protein of animal or vegetable origin such as cows' milk, goats' milk, soy or rice, are often marketed as 'growing up milks' or 'toddlers' milks' or with similar terminology. While these products are currently regulated by different legal acts of the Union, such as Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006, and Directive 2009/39/EC, they are not covered by the existing specific measures applying to food intended for infants and young children. Different views exist as to whether such products satisfy the specific nutritional requirements of the population group they target. The Commission should therefore, after consulting the Authority, present to the European Parliament and to the Council a report on the necessity, if any, of special provisions regarding the composition, labelling and other types of requirements, if appropriate, of those products. This report should consider, inter alia, the nutritional requirements of young children and the role of those products in their diet, taking into account the pattern of consumption, the nutritional intake and the levels of exposure of young children to contaminants and pesticides. The report should also consider the composition of such products and whether they have any nutritional benefits when compared to a normal diet for a child who is being weaned. The Commission could accompany this report with a legislative proposal

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