

P-04-530 Bilingual labelling – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 04.05.14.

To Whom it May Concern,

My response to the observation outlined by Welsh government minister Mark Drakford is profound dismay at our lack of self-determination coupled with a recognition of the threat posed by the EU government, and to a lesser extent, the UK government, to our continued national identity and existence.

I would urge the Welsh government to enact legislation requiring the bilingual labeling of food products sold in Wales (as outlined in the petition) regardless of rules and regulations external to our nation.

The European Union would then either have to recognise Welsh as a real language (i.e. give it 'official' status) or challenge the legislation in court where the merits of supporting the Welsh language could be debated in a transparent manner.

The argument from a Welsh perspective should be: if Welsh is an official language in Wales, then it should be recognised as such in the EU. Disparate standards and recognitions among two governments purporting to represent the same nation (in this case Wales), is clearly unacceptable.

I therefore urge the Welsh government to enact the said legislation requiring bilingual labeling in Wales (regardless of current EU or UK legislation) in order to affect positive change for Wales in her relationship to the EU and UK.

Sincerely,

Simon Foster