House Rules Committee Chairwoman Louise Slaughter said that the new food dye labeling law in Europe was a good opportunity for the federal government to finally limit the use of dyes in food. Slaughter praised the new law that says foods sold in Europe must include a warning label if they contain artificial food dyes, but said that most must be done.

“This is a sensible policy and a smart move to help protect the health and well being of children in Europe,” Slaughter said. “For too long, studies have raised questions about the impact food dyes have on the health and behavior of children. It’s my hope that the Food and Drug Administration reviews the science on this issue and considers implementing a warning label that empowers parents to make informed decisions prior to purchasing food for their children.”

The decision comes after years of studies have consistently raised questions about the health and behavioral impacts of consuming Yellow 5, Red 40 and other artificial dyes on adults and especially children.