

# Regulatory Day 2024

International Regulatory Updates

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# Codex

# Food labelling updates that would impact the labelling and trade of food products

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 	Subject	Food labelling	Product category	All processed food
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## Codex Committee on food labelling

Allergen labelling

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CODEX

# Allergen & precautionary allergen labelling





CODEX

- The Codex Committee on Food Labelling has reviewed the allergen labelling in the general standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods and is developing guidance on precautionary allergen labelling (PAL)
  - Includes definitions for food allergens
  - Exemptions in relation to the scientific advice and proposed alternate text
  - Sulphite and proposed revised text which includes the option of ‘food as offered to the consumer’ and ‘food as consumed’
  - Format for the declaration of certain foods and ingredients
- The guidelines for PAL are submitted for adoption at Step 3
  - Determining if and how PAL thresholds can address cross contact from gluten containing cereals for consumers with coeliac disease

- The revised text for allergen labelling will be submitted for adoption at Step 6
- The guidelines for PAL are submitted for adoption at Step 3



# Use of technology

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- To provide guidance on food information accessed by consumers using technology via a reference on a pre-packaged food's label or labelling, instead of providing this mandatory food labelling information on the physical label
- Sufficient technological infrastructure within the geographic area or country
- General population should have widespread and adequate access to the technology

• For adoption at Step 8

# Proposed draft guidelines on the provision of food information on pre-packaged foods offered via e-commerce

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- To provide food information on the product information e-page, similar to the physical food label, prior to the point of commercial sale
- To provide specific additional information for foods offered for sale via e-commerce

• For adoption at Step 6

# North America

## Safety and quality is the main driver in North America

- There are a variety of changes in North America as both Canada and the US continues the modernisation of their regulations in relation to safety and composition
- The US is continuing with an emphasis on health and wellness as the Biden-Harris Administration comes to an end





# Regulatory modernisation of foods for special dietary use and infant foods

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 	Subject	Nutrition	Product category	Specific food groups
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Proposal to modernise the regulations for foods for special dietary use and infant foods. The key questions for discussion included:

- The proposed modernised framework
- The proposed requirements for infant formula, pre-packaged human milk, medical foods, conventional infant foods, gluten-free foods, formulated nutritional foods and foods for use in weight reduction diets
- The proposal for shortage provisions applicable to all foods for a special dietary purpose

- [Regulatory modernization of foods for special dietary use and infant foods: Divisions 24 and 25 of the Food and Drug Regulations - Canada.ca](#)
- Consultation deadline: 6 February 2024
- No updates since



# National strategy to reduce food loss, waste and recycle organics

UNITED STATES

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Environmental sustainability 	Subject	Food waste	Product category	Various products
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USDA “National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics” aims to:

- Prevent the loss and waste of food
- Increase recycling of food and other organic materials to support a more circular economy for all
- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions

- [National Strategy](#)
- Publication date: 12 June 2024



# Sodium reduction targets


UNITED STATES



- FDA draft guidance [“Voluntary Sodium Reduction Goals: Target Mean and Upper Bound Concentrations for Sodium in Commercially Processed, Packaged, and Prepared Foods \(Edition 2\).”](#)
- To describe FDA views on the next voluntary goals (Phase II (3-year)) for sodium reduction
- In light of recommendations to limit sodium intake to 2300 mg/day, reduction to achieve an average intake of less than 2750 mg/day medium term

- Draft guidance for industry: Voluntary Sodium Reduction Goals (Edition 2)
- Publication August 2024
- Comments by 14 November 2024



# Genome editing

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Packaging & food contact	Product category	All foodstuffs

- The Guidance explains that the principles outlined in the NPV policy apply to foods from genome-edited plant varieties
- Details the two premarket processes that may be used:
  - voluntary premarket consultations
  - voluntary premarket meetings

• [Guidance for Industry: Foods Derived from Plants Produced Using Genome Editing | FDA](#) (Final February 2024)

# New dietary ingredients



Maturity	Emerging 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Dietary supplements	Product category	All foodstuffs

- The Guidance focuses of frequently asked questions about NDIN submission and review
- Follows Draft Guidance issued in 2016, based on the 2011 Guidance

• [Guidance for Industry: New Dietary Ingredient Notification Procedures and Timeframes - Dietary Supplements | FDA](#) (Final March 2024)





# Upcoming labelling provisions

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Nutrition labelling and claims	Product category	All foodstuffs

- [Nutrient Content Claims, Definition of Term: Healthy](#)
- [Front-of-Package Nutrition Labeling](#)
- Use of Nutrient Content Claims for Added Sugars in the Labeling of Human Food Products; Draft guidance for industry

- [Foods Program Guidance Under Development](#)
- [Foods Program Regulations Under Development](#)

# Upcoming safety and composition provisions

Maturity	Emerging 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Safety and composition	Product category	All foodstuffs

- [Use of Salt Substitutes to Reduce the Sodium Content in Standardized Foods](#)
- Questions and Answers Regarding Food Allergens, Including the Food Allergen Labeling Requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act: Guidance for Industry
- Premarket Consultation on Cultured Animal Cell Foods; Draft Guidance for Industry

- [Foods Program Guidance Under Development](#)
- [Foods Program Regulations Under Development](#)

# Latin America

## Safety & quality is the main driver in Latin America

- Various countries have proposed new regulations for gluten-free provisions, including clear labelling
- Additionally, there are new regulations on the use of sweeteners and sugar, as well as the consumption of energy drinks



# Public consultation on alcohol labelling

Maturity

Evolving



Driver

Health & wellness



Subject

Labelling

Product category

Alcoholic beverages

ARGENTINA

The following changes are being discussed:

- Replacement of current pregnancy logo with the below logo, to be accompanied with a warning statement:
  - Statement: No beba alcohol durante el embarazo ni en la lactancia ("Do not drink alcohol during pregnancy and breastfeeding")
- Additional new warning statement "SI VA A CONDUCIR, NO TOME ALCOHOL" ("if you are going to drive, do not drink alcohol ") must be added



- Public Consultation [published](#) in September 2023
- Consultation deadline: 26 October 2023
- No updates have been published since



# New provisions for gluten-free products

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Safety & quality 	Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs
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- New definition: now includes ingredients that originally contained gluten but have had the gluten removed through suitable technological processes.
- New logo claims: Now 'Sin Gluten' ; previous logo claimed 'Sin TACC", the Spanish acronym for "without wheat, oats, barley or rye"



New





Old

- New establishment guidelines: All establishment must offer at least one gluten-free option or a gluten-free menu from authorised manufacturers following specified guidelines

- [Joint Resolution 32/2023](#)
- Entry into force date: 30 November 2023
- Transition period: 3 Years – 30 November 2026

# Consultation on gluten free products



Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- Maximum content of gluten of 20 mg/kg
- Food products should use specified analysis to prove gluten free condition
- Specific wording established
- Use of gluten free logo



- [Draft Decree](#)
- Consultation deadline: 1 March 2024

# Consultation on gluten free products

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- Condition for the use of legend and symbol for gluten-free (20 mg/kg)
- In the case of imported products, all other similar forms, even in another language, are additionally valid, provided that they convey the same concept

- [Draft Regulation of Law No. 31881](#)
- Consultation deadline: 4 July 2024

# New 'Sin Tax' for sugary drinks

Maturity

Evolving



Driver

Health & wellness



Subject

Nutrition

Product category

Non-alcoholic beverages

- The Bill includes a Selective Tax (widely referred to as the sin tax) for goods and services considered harmful to health or the environment
- Sugary and alcoholic drinks are among the goods that would be subject to such taxes

- Supplementary Bill on Consumption Tax Reform, [PLP 68/24](#)
- Publication date: 25 April 2024
- No updates to date

BRAZIL



# Meat terms definition and restrict use of this designation for products of non-animal origin

Maturity

Established



Driver

Safety & quality



Subject

Labelling

Product category

All foodstuffs

Chile's Sanitary Code has been revised under Law No. 21644, which introduces:

- Clear definitions for terms such as “meat” and “meat denomination”

This amendment also stipulates the conditions under which meat-related terms like “burger”, “sausage”, and others can be applied to plant-based products

- [Law No. 21644](#)
- Entry into force date: 16 November 2025

CHILE



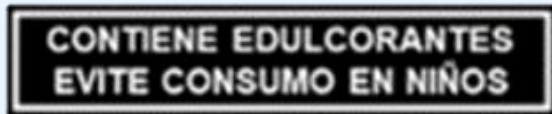
# New labelling requirements for products containing sweetener

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 	Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs
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CHILE



- Proposal to update the Foodstuff Sanitary Regulation introducing a new article which requires a compulsory message on the label of products containing sweeteners, a legend along the lines of:

“CONTAINS SWEETENERS. AVOID CONSUMPTION BY CHILDREN”



- [Public Consultation](#)
- Consultation deadline: 25 August 2024
- No updates since

# Law for the Control of Energy Drinks



Maturity	Established 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs

Law for the Control and Regulation of Energy Drink has been approved which:

- Prohibits the sale of these products to minors
- Establishes regulations for the commercialisation of energy drinks
- Details the places where the sale of energy drinks is prohibited

- [Law for the Control and Regulation of Energy Drink](#)
- Publication date: 27 April 2024

# Regulation of energy drinks

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

Draft Regulation of the Law

- Definition, compositional requirements
- Labelling requirements (including warning statements such as '***Sale and consumption to persons under eighteen (18) years of age prohibited***')
- Maximum content of caffeine, inositol, taurine, among others, established

- [Draft Regulation](#)
- Consultation deadline: 12 November 2024

Africa

## African countries continue to develop generally

- African countries continues to build up their food legislation to match developed markets
- Two pieces of legislation have been highlighted as points of interest





# Marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverage to children

Maturity

Evolving



Driver

Health & wellness



Subject

Nutrition

Product category

Various products

- Draft regulations on marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverage to children
- No foods and beverages high in total fat, saturated fat, total sugars, added sugars, sodium and energy shall be marketed to children under 18 years of age
- Thresholds are provided according to food categories, per 100g
- An explanation of the nutrient threshold established per food category is supplied

- Publication date: April 2024
- No update since

NIGERIA

# African standard on insect and insect products



Botswana has adopted / in the process of adopting 14 African Regional Standards for insects and insect value-added products. For example:

- DARS 1261-2024, Edible insects — edible crickets — specification
- DARS 1291-1-2024, Edible insects — Part 1 edible insects' products — specification
- DARS 1296-2024, Edible insects — safety of foods based on edible insects

- Consultation deadline: 26 August 2024
- No update since

# Middle East

## Safety and quality is the main driver in the Middle East

- The main changes this year relates to improvement in standards, UAE developing its regulation and with Israel particularly active adopting a large swathe of EU regulations





## Ban on single use plastic

Maturity	Established	Driver	Environmental sustainability 
Subject	Packaging & food contact	Product category	All foodstuffs

Stage 1	Stage 2
From January 2025, ban plastic stirring sticks, table covers, cups, Styrofoam food containers, straws, ear swabs	From January 2026, ban plastic plates containers, cutlery, cups and caps of soft drinks

- [Executive Council Resolution No. 124 of 2023](#)
- Entry into force date: 1 January 2024

## Streamline food and water security & novel foods regulatory approval

Maturity	Emerging 	Driver	Environmental sustainability 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs

- A framework to streamline approvals for businesses developing solutions to tackle global food and water security challenges
- Broader strategy to accelerate growth in the alternative proteins sector

- [Announcement](#)
- Publication date: 12 June 2024

# 44 EU regulations have been adopted

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Health & wellness 	Subject	Various	Product category	All foodstuffs
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44 EU pieces of legislation on various topics: labelling, contaminants, food contact materials, ionizing radiation, mineral water and certain claims have been adopted. Among others, the new reform establishes the following:

- Labelling will still have to be in Hebrew, and the red front of pack symbols remain. In the nutrition information table, sugar teaspoons still have to be declared, and sodium (rather than salt)
- There is still some national divergence (for example, there is still the requirement for an absolute absence of Listeria)
- The adoption of regulations on food contact materials applies only to Proper Importers using the EU pathway, and to Israeli manufacturers who choose voluntarily to adopt it

- [Reform](#)
- Different parts of the reform enter into force on different dates
- Publication date: 4 August 2024

# Asia Pacific

## Health & wellness is the main driver in Asia Pacific

There are a variety of changes including:


- to introduce and expand nutrition labelling (including front of pack) and claims
- encourage change through creating restrictions on advertising and use of a sugar tax
- China is particularly important as they have published draft legislation updating their labelling regulations which would include mandatory allergen labelling








# Tackling advertising & promotion of unhealthy food to children (AUS only)

Maturity	Established	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Nutrition	Product category	All foodstuffs

A public discussion on a research project aimed at exploring ways to curb the promotion of unhealthy food to children. The research is designed to shed light on the various strategies available to restrict such advertising.

- [Public Consultation](#)
- Consultation deadline: 15 March 2024

# New 'genetically modified food' definition

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs

- Specifies a new, single definition for 'genetically modified food', replacing the previous terms 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology'
- Repeals existing definitions and introduces new ones for 'null segregant', 'novel DNA', and 'novel protein'

- [Proposal P1055](#)
- Consultation deadline: 10 September 2024



# Consultation on new labelling requirements

CHINA

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 	Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs
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The third draft national food safety standard GB 7718 General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods was issued, with the following main revisions introduced (largely in line with the second draft):

- Revised manner of declarations for compound ingredients
- Additives and date marking
- Mandating allergen labelling
- Additional rules for QUID
- New rules for the use of digital labelling

The detailed rules for certain marketing claims and the declarations of name and address and net content have been removed.

- [Draft national food safety standard GB 7718 General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods](#)
- Consultation deadline: 1 July 2024

# Voluntary front-of-pack nutrition labelling

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 	Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs
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Consumer Affairs Agency concluded on the use of FOPNL as a voluntary labelling system, which is separate to the mandatory nutrition labelling

- The proposed FOPNL will prominently display five key nutritional components: **calories, protein, fat, carbohydrates, and salt equivalent**, along with their respective proportions of the daily recommended intake
- Format is still to be determined

- [FOPNL](#)
- Publication date: 12 March 2024





# Insect regulatory framework

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs

- Insect Regulatory Framework developed to govern insects for the use in food and feed in July 2024
- The Framework provides general principles on insects as food and feed and establishes a list of insects permitted for human consumption
- Any insects not included in the list are subject to pre-market authorisation

- [Insect Regulatory Framework](#)
- Publication date: 8 July 2024

# Draft provisions on pre-market authorisation of alternative proteins

Maturity	Emerging 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs



SFA will be introducing the Food Safety and Security Bill (FSSB), combining individual rules on different alternative proteins into one place by establishing:

- Definition of defined food (novel food, GM food, insect ingredients)
- Provisions on pre-market authorisation of defined foods

- [Defined Food Provisions](#) under Draft FSSB
- Consultation deadline: 14 May 2024





# Mandatory nutrition labelling may be expanded from 2026

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- Expansion of mandatory nutrition labelling (including FOPNL) to all processed food, excluding certain foods specified, e.g. those extremely low nutritional values such as chewing gums, alcoholic beverages
- Gradually implemented from 2026 by the size of FBOs, targeting to apply to all FBOs by 2028

- [Draft Amendment](#)
- Consultation deadline: 19 September 2024

# Mandatory declaration for reduced net content of food products

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

- An Amendment to Food Labelling Standards to address shrinkflation
- A mandatory declaration of a change of net content for minimum 3 months where the net content of the finished product is reduced

- [Amendment to Food Labelling Standard](#)
- Published 27 Jul 2024 / entry into force 1 Jan 2025



# New conditions for nutrition claims

Maturity	Established 	Driver	Health & wellness 	Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs
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TAIWAN



The revised Regulation on Nutrition Claims for Prepackaged Foods has been published, laying down the following provisions

- Use of nutrition claims for prepackaged foodstuffs
- Extends the scope of the Regulation to include foods for special dietary uses, establishes rules for repeat nutrition information, revises conditions for making certain claims

The Regulation provides a transitional period until 1 January 2026 for certain revised clauses; other revisions apply from the day its publication.

- [Regulation on Nutrition Claims for Prepackaged Foods](#)
- Publication date: 12 February 2024

## Update labelling provisions



Maturity	Established 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

Labelling provisions introduced, include among others:

- Removal of mandatory requirements to specify whether natural or synthetic colour
- Addition of shellfish, squid and derived products to the mandatory allergens
- Removal of mandatory requirement to list ingredients in descending order

- [Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 450 B.E. 2567 \(2024\) Re: Labelling of Prepackaged Foods](#)
- 19 July 2024 – 2yr transition



## Plant-based framework

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Safety & quality 
Subject	Food safety	Product category	All foodstuffs

Draft proposal for regulation on alternative proteins, with a focus on plant-based protein introduced, laying down the following provisions:

- Labelling requirements for products containing plant-based protein
  - Standard for contaminants, microbial and residual limits
- A Draft Proposal for the Development of Regulations and Measures provisioning Alternative Protein, Plant-based protein
  - Consultation deadline: 07 June 2024

## New nutrition labelling



Maturity	Established 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Labelling	Product category	All foodstuffs

Ministry of Health Circular 29/2023/TT-BYT lays down the following, amongst others:

- Scope of nutrition labelling provisions,
- Definitions,
- Mandatory declarations,
- Presentation of nutrition declaration
- Nutrient reference values

- [Ministry of Health Circular 29/2023/TT-BYT](#)
- Entry into force: 15 February 2024 / transition until 31 December 2025

## Excise tax for sugary drinks

Maturity	Evolving 	Driver	Health & wellness 
Subject	Nutrition	Product category	Non-alcoholic beverages

Draft Amendment to the Law on Excise Tax (Law No. 27/2008/QH12) proposes:

- A 10% excise tax (Special Consumption Tax) on certain sugary beverages specified in the National Standard TCVN 12828:2019, which contain more than 5 g/100 ml of sugar
- [Draft Amendment to the Law on Excise Tax](#)
- Consultation deadline: 9 July 2024



# Questions



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