



China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment



Sharing of the 47th Session of Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)

Singapore

Background on the Committee

Codex Committee on Food Labelling

- ❑ **Date: 15 to 19 May 2023**
- ❑ **Session: Physical**
- ❑ **Location: Gatineau (Ottawa), Canada**
- ❑ **Participation of CCASIA Countries: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand**



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Items Recommended for Adoption As a Draft Standard at Step 5

- Proposed Draft Revision to the GSLPF: Provisions relevant to allergen labelling
 - This aims to review the existing list of ingredients known to cause hypersensitivity for allergen labelling.
 - Two lists were developed based on FAO/WHO Expert Consultation based on prevalence, potency and severity of allergens:
 - Priority list and secondary list (next 2 slides)
 - Secondary list is recommended to be considered for risk management at the regional or national level.



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Priority list

Foods and ingredients	Specific names
Cereals containing gluten: <ul style="list-style-type: none">wheat and other Triticum speciesrye and other Secale speciesbarley and other Hordeum species and products thereof	'wheat' 'rye' 'barley'
Crustacea and products thereof	'crustacea'
Eggs and products thereof	'egg'
Fish and products thereof	'fish'
Peanuts and products thereof	'peanut'
Milk and products thereof	'milk'
Sesame and products thereof	'sesame'
Specific tree nuts <ul style="list-style-type: none">AlmondCashewHazelnutPecanpistachiowalnut and products thereof	'almond' 'cashew' 'hazelnut' 'pecan' 'pistachio' 'walnut'

Some Asian member countries raised concern on the inclusion of sesame in the priority list due to long history of sesame consumption in this region



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Secondary list (to be considered for risk management at the regional or national level)

Foods and ingredients	Specific names
Buckwheat and products thereof	'buckwheat'
Celery and products thereof	'celery'
Oats and other Avena species (and their hybridized strains) and products thereof	'oats'
Lupin and products thereof	'lupin'
Mustard and products thereof	'mustard'
Soybean and products thereof	'soy'
Specific tree nuts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil nut• macadamia• pine nut and products thereof	'Brazil nut' 'macadamia' 'pine nut'

Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Items Recommended for Adoption As a Draft Standard at Step 5

- ❑ Proposed Draft Guidelines on Food Information for Pre-packaged Foods to be Offered via E-commerce
 - This aims to provide guidance on information to be declared on the E-commerce platform where the food is being offered for sale



Key Outputs of Committee Discussions

Items Recommended for Adoption As a Draft Standard at Step 5

- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Use of technology to Provide Food Information
 - This Guidelines aims to provide guidance on the use of technology to provide information about prepackaged foods.
 - Name of the food and food information concerning health and safety should not be provided exclusively using technology. This ensures that food safety and personal well-being of consumers are not compromised.



Other Items Discussed by the Committee: New Work

New Work

Approval of new work

- Amendments to the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985): Labelling of pre-packaged foods in joint presentation and multipack formats
 - This standard aims to harmonize the labelling of pre-packaged foods in multipack formats and of foods in joint presentation.
 - This helps to provide the consumer with the information of each of the products that are being acquired, to avoid subjective interpretations and to facilitate communication between the food manufacturer and the consumer.



Other Items Discussed by the Committee

Review any Other items of Relevance: Revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods: Guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling

- *Precautionary allergen labelling (PAL)* is a statement made in the labelling of prepackaged foods to indicate a risk from the unintended presence of an allergen(s) due to cross-contact.
- The decision to use PAL should be based on the findings of a risk assessment which shall include, but is not limited to, quantitative risk assessment
- PAL shall only be used if the presence of a protein from an allergen is equal to or above the action level for this allergen, using the listed reference dose (RfD).



Other Items Discussed by the Committee

Reference dose (RfD):

	Reference dose (RfD) (mg total protein from the allergen)
Walnut (and Pecan)	1.0
Cashew (and Pistachio)	1.0
Almond	1.0
Peanut	2.0
Egg	2.0
Milk	2.0
Sesame	2.0
Hazelnut	3.0
Wheat	5.0
Fish	5.0
Crustacea	200



Other Items Discussed by the Committee

Review any Other items of Relevance: Discussion paper on sustainability labelling claims

- While there was agreement that sustainability is an important topic for Codex, views differed on whether this was the right moment to start new Codex work on sustainability related labelling claims or if further reflection was needed
- Delegations in favour of starting new work felt that high-level guidance could prevent a plethora of unsubstantiated claims, as the General Guidelines on Claims (GGC) does not provide sufficient guidance for substantiation.
- Delegations not in favour of starting new work felt that sustainability is a complex topic that goes beyond the mandate of Codex, other international organizations were already working in this area. Additionally, if work is considered, it should focus on updating and strengthening GGC with a view to cover all types of claims including sustainability-related claims



Summary of EWG to be Activated for Upcoming Period

EWG that will be activated subsequent to this session of the Committee

- Proposed draft revision to the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985): provisions relevant to allergen labelling
- Revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods: Guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling
- Draft Guidelines on the Provision of Food Information for Prepackaged Foods to be Offered via E-Commerce
- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Use of technology to Provide Food Information
- Discussion paper on labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats
- Discussion paper on food labelling exemptions in emergencies
- Discussion paper on sustainability labelling claims

Recommendations for coordinated participation from the Asia region

- Proposed draft revision to the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (CXS 1-1985): provisions relevant to allergen labelling and Guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling



Opening the Discussion

Items for Discussion at the CCASIA Colloquium, Stemming from Committee Conclusions

Standards recommended for adoption

- General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods: provisions relevant to allergen labelling
- Draft Guidelines on the Provision of Food Information for Prepackaged Foods to be Offered via E-Commerce
- Proposed Draft Guidelines on the Use of technology to Provide Food Information

Standards / Draft texts underway

- Revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods: Guidelines on precautionary allergen labelling

New work (in order of importance)

- Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats
- Discussion paper on sustainability labelling claims
- Discussion paper on food labelling exemptions in emergencies
- Discussion paper on labelling of alcoholic beverages
- Discussion paper on trans fatty acids





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