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Codex Committee on Food Labelling

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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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CCFL WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

□ Allergen Labelling Part 1

- to review and clarify provisions related to allergen labelling within the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Food (GSLPF) e.g. definitions of food allergen and celiac disease
- work began in 2019
- EWG led by Australia and the US and UK
- linked with work at CCFH on food allergen management
- based on scientific advice
- adopted at Step 5 at the last CAC

□ Next steps

- EWG work ongoing
- a virtual working group prior to CCFL



CCFL WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

□ Allergen Labelling Part 2

- to develop new guidance on use of precautionary labelling e.g. “may contain” statements
- also linked with work at CCFH on food allergen management
- EWG led by Australia and the US and UK
- still in early stages as scientific advice was not yet available

□ Next steps

- EWG work ongoing
- a virtual working group prior to CCFL



CCFL WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

□ E-commerce

- to develop guidance on labelling requirements for foods sold on the internet
- Chaired by the UK with assistance from Chile, Japan, India and China
- adopted at step 5 at the last CAC

□ Next steps

- EWG work ongoing
- a virtual working group prior to CCFL (possibly)



CCFL WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

❑ Use of technology in labelling

- to develop guidance and principles on the use of technology in labelling (e.g. QR codes)
- Chaired by the Canada with assistance from New Zealand and India
- adopted at step 5 at the last CAC

❑ Next steps

- EWG work ongoing
- a virtual working group prior to CCFL (possibly)



CCFL WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY

☐ Multipack and joint presentation

- to revise the GSLPF to clarify how these products are captured (e.g. yogurt and granola)
- adopted as new work at the last CAC
- Chaired by Columbia with assistance from Jamaica

☐ Next steps

- EWG work ongoing
- CCFL will discuss a proposed draft revision for the first time



CCFL POSSIBLE NEW WORK ITEMS

☐ Sustainability Labelling Claims

- discussed at the last CCFL
- EWG established, led by NZ with assistance from US, EU and Costa Rica
- EWG tasked to take a look at what other international organizations are doing in this realm within their mandates, and what CCFL can do within its mandate, possibly work on the General Guidelines on Claims

☐ Next steps

- EWG developing a discussion paper for consideration by CCFL

CCFL POSSIBLE NEW WORK ITEMS

☐ Alcohol Labelling

- some discussion at the last CCFL
- WHO to write a discussion paper for consideration by CCFL

☐ Next steps

- Circular Letter open for comment to inform the discussion paper



CCFL POSSIBLE NEW WORK ITEMS

- ❑ Food labelling provisions in emergencies (temporary exemptions)
 - this work stems from the COVID-19 pandemic where flexibilities for food labelling requirements were necessary to ensure supply chain resilience
 - good discussion at the last CCFL
 - EWG established, led by the US

- ❑ Next steps
 - EWG developing a discussion paper for consideration by CCFL



CCFL POSSIBLE NEW WORK ITEMS

☐ Trans Fatty Acids

- aim of the work is to provide guidance to reduce or eliminate trans fatty acids
- relates to work at CCFO
- led by the Canada

☐ Next steps

- will be discussed for the first time at CCFL



CCFL POSSIBLE NEW WORK ITEMS

❑ Definition for Added Sugars

- led by the Costa Rica

❑ Next steps

- will be discussed for the first time at CCFL



CCFL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- Endorsement of labelling provisions of standards developed by other Codex Committees
- Future work of CCFL
- Prioritization of work

