Technical Issues on Nutrition Labelling

- Exemption List -



NL Scheme - Latest Proposal

Coverage

- Phase I : Labelling of prepackaged food with claims only
- Phase II : All prepackaged food, except those exempted



Original Exemption List (Proposed Nov 2003)

- Prepackaged drinks with an alcoholic strength by volume of more than 1.2% as determined under section 53 of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109)
- 2. Prepackaged food sold at a catering establishment for immediate consumption
- 3. Individually wrapped confectionery products in a fancy form intended for sale as single items
- Individually wrapped preserved fruits which are not enclosed in any further packaging and which are intended for sale as single items



Original Exemption List (Proposed Nov 2003)

- 6. Fresh fruit and fresh vegetables
- Spring water, mineral water, carbonated water to which no ingredient other than carbon dioxide has been added
- 8. Vinegar which is derived by fermentation exclusively from a single basic product and to which no other ingredient has been added
- 9. Flavourings
- 10. Raw meat, poultry (except when ground), fish and seafood

Raw prepackaged ready-to-cook dishes.

RESERVE

Exemption List

- With the comments received (consultation exercise & technical meetings with the trade), list of exemptions has been revised.
- Two criteria:
 - 1. The information provided would not directly benefit the ultimate consumer
 - 2. It is practically difficult for the trade to provide the information

Exemption List (proposed amendments)

Item for Deletion

 Vinegar which is derived by fermentation exclusively from a single basic product and to which no other ingredient has been added.

(Item No. 9 in the *original* exemption)





Exemption List (proposed amendments)

Items for Addition

- i) Prepackaged food not intended for sale to ultimate consumers, including those intended solely for use as an ingredient in the manufacture of other prepackaged products by food manufacturers, or in the cooking/production of foods served in the catering establishment; and those sold to food importers/distributors/packers of which repacking is required before selling to consumers. (Item No. 8 in the revised exemption list)
- ii) Prepackaged food with insignificant amount of energy and nutrients (i.e., the amount of energy and each and every core nutrient found in per 100g of the food equals to zero).

(Item No. 9 on the revised exemption list)

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Exemption List (proposed amendments)

Items for Addition

- iii) Soup packs containing assorted ingredients. (Item No. 12 in the revised exemption list)
- iv) Prepackaged foods sold only at a temporary special event for charity organized by a gazetted charitable organization. (Item No. 13 on the revised exemption list)
- v) Prepackaged foods produced and sold solely at the premise of a front-shop-back-factory or stand-alone shop-factory operation.

 (Item No. 14 on the revised exemption list)

DESCRIPTIONS

Exemption List (proposed amendments)

Items for Modification

- Prepackaged food prepared and sold at a catering establishment for immediate consumption.
 [Original wording: Prepackaged food sold at a catering establishment for immediate consumption.]
 (Item No. 2 in the revised exemption list)
- ii) Single unprocessed ingredient of raw meat, poultry, fish and seafood (except when ground). [Original wording: Raw meat, poultry (except when ground), fish and seafood.]

(Item No. 10 on the revised exemption list)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 1

Exemption status will be <u>lost</u> if a prepackaged food carry any nutrient-related claims.



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