Updates on Overseas Practice on Nutrition Information on Food Labels



Nutrition Labelling

- One of the effective tools in educating the public on healthy eating.
- Over 40 countries/areas have a nutrition labelling programme in place.
- Codex Guidelines as reference (i.e., flexibility is allowed in setting different national standards)



Nutrition Labelling

- 3 General approaches:
 - a) Mandatory nutrition labelling for all prepackaged foods
 - b) Mandatory nutrition labelling for specified foods and prepackaged foods with claims
 - c) Mandatory nutrition labelling for prepackaged foods with claims

Mandatory nutrition labelling for all

Nutrition Labelling

prepackaged foods (N=9): -

- Argentina (2006)
 Israel (1993)
- Australia (2002)
- New Zealand (2002)
- **Brazil** (2001)
- Paraguay (2006)
- Canada (2005)
- **U.S.A.** (1994)



Uruguay (2006)

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Mandatory nutrition labelling for specified foods & foods with claims (N=4):-

- Malaysia (2003)
- Taiwan (2003)

Thailand (1998) Korea (2003)

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Mandatory nutrition labelling for prepackaged foods with claims (N=27), including: -

- Chile
- Philippine
- **▼ EC (under review) ▼ Singapore**
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Japan
- Vietnam

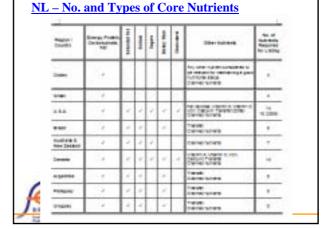




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Situation in Mainland

- Issued a consultation document in October 2004 proposing mandatory nutrition labelling for all general prepackaged foods.
- Implemented General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged
 Foods with <u>Special Dietary Uses</u> (GB 13432-2004).



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Summary

- NL has gained popularity over the past years.
- Countries/Areas without NL developing one (e.g., the Mainland)
- Countries / Areas with NL reviewing and modifying existing schemes (e.g., EC, USA)



NL - a worldwide trend

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