

Chronology – Nutrition Labelling Scheme

23 Nov 2003	Discussion at LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene: Introduce public consultation exercise
25 Nov 2003 to 31 Jan 2004	<p>Public Consultation Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Core nutrients: 1+9 (i.e. energy + protein, carbohydrate, fat, saturated fat, sodium, sugar, cholesterol, calcium and dietary fibre) ♦ Exemptions: General exemptions (no small volume exemption) - no exemption if the product carries nutrition claim
17 Dec 2003	<p>Motion Debate on Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion proposed by Hon Fred Li • Original motion passed
June 2004 – Jan 2005	<p>1st round of technical meetings with food trade</p> <p>(Between June 2004 and April 2008, nine rounds of technical meetings (totally over 30 sessions) have been held)</p>
Apr 2005	2nd round of technical meetings with food trade
15 Apr 2005	<p>Discussion at LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene: Report results of public consultation, Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and revised proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Core nutrients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phase I: 1+5 (i.e. energy + protein, carbohydrates, fat, saturated fat and sodium) - Phase II: 1+9 (i.e. energy + protein, carbohydrate, fat, saturated fat, sodium, sugar, cholesterol, calcium and dietary fibre) ♦ Exemptions: General exemptions (no small volume exemption) - no exemption if the product carries nutrition claim

<p>8 June 2005</p>	<p>Motion Debate on Labelling Scheme on Nutrition Information for Pre-packaged Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion proposed by Dr Hon Joseph Lee • Motion passed as amended by Hon Wong Yung-kan
<p>June 2005</p>	<p>3rd round of technical meetings with food trade</p>
<p>Sept-Oct 2005</p>	<p>4th round of technical meetings with food trade</p>
<p>14 March 2007</p>	<p>Motion Debate on Legislating against the Use of Artificial Trans Fats in Food Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion proposed by Hon Albert Cheng • Motion passed as amended by Hon Fred Li
<p>Sept – Dec 2007</p>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders: interest groups, para-medical groups, 5th round of technical meeting with food trade, Legislative Councilors, Consulates-General, Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Core nutrients: 1+6 (i.e. energy + protein, carbohydrate, fat, saturated fat, sodium, sugars) and trans fat ♦ Exemptions: General exemptions (no small volume exemption) - no exemption if the product carries nutrition information or nutrition claim
<p>Nov 2007</p>	<p>Written proposal on Small Volume Exemption from the trade (but not applicable to products that carry nutrition claims) discussed at the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee</p> <p><u>*Proposal from the trade</u></p> <p>Three groups of prepackaged foods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food with nutrient claims: The trade is of the views that foods with claims should provide the information that is required by law because if you make a claim you have the responsibility to advise the public what other nutrients are contained.

	<p>2. Food with no claims that account for the large majority of food consumed: These foods should contain the nutrient information as required by law since it has the overwhelming impact on the food consumed by the public.</p> <p>3. Food with small volume exemption and test marketing exemption: These are foods accounts for over 20% of food choices in variety and probably less than 5% in total food consumed by the public. The public should have a choice to buy these foods. The public have a choice not to buy these food and will not affect their diets because large majority of foods consumed will have the label in 1 and 2 above.</p>
Nov-Dec 2007	6th round of technical meetings with food trade
11 Dec 2007	<p>Discussion at LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene: Revised proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Core nutrients: 1+7 (i.e. energy + protein, carbohydrate, fat, saturated fat, trans fat, sodium, and sugar) ♦ Exemptions: General exemptions (no exemption if the product carries nutrition information or nutrition claim) + Small volume exemption (no exemption if the product carries nutrition claim)
Jan 2008	7th round of technical meetings with food trade
Feb 2008	Written submission from trade requesting the inclusion of products with claims under Small Volume Exemption Scheme
Mar 2008	8th round of technical meetings with food trade
9 Apr 2008	<p>Amendment Regulation tabled at LegCo for negative vetting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Proposals on Core nutrients and exemptions same as those presented at LegCo Panel on 11 December 2007
Apr-May 2008	9th round of technical meetings with food trade

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