

Conditions for Nutrition Claims under the Nutrition Labelling Scheme

Under the Nutrition Labelling Scheme, the making of nutrient content claims are subject to the conditions of claim specified in the Amendment Regulation (Schedule 8 of the Amendment Regulation).

2. In setting the conditions for claims, we strictly follow the conditions made by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (whenever there is one¹). For claims that we understand the trade and the public are concerned about, but without Codex conditions, we have made reference to standards in other jurisdictions, in particular those of the Mainland (GB). The following claims are those that are permitted under the current proposal but without Codex conditions:

- (i) Trans fat free claim,
- (ii) Low sugars claim, and
- (iii) Low protein claim.

3. Comparisons on the conditions prescribed for the above claims in other jurisdictions are detailed at the Annex.

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¹ The draft Codex standards are followed in setting the conditions for nutrient content claims on dietary fibre.

Summary on Conditions for Nutrient Content Claims: Claims Without Codex Conditions

Claim	HK	Codex	Mainland
Trans fat Free	(a) Solid food containing – (i) not more than 0.3 g of trans fat per 100 g of food; (ii) meet condition for “low saturated fat” claim (b) Liquid food containing – (i) not more than 0.3 g of trans fat per 100 mL of food; (ii) meet condition for “low saturated fat claim	Not defined	Not defined
	USA	EU	Australia/ New Zealand
	Not defined (Rounding rule* for 0 g of trans fat: 0.5 g per serving, with serving size varies from less than 5g/ml to over 200 g/ml)	Not defined	(a) Solid food: (i) No detectable trans fat; and (ii) containing no more saturated fat than 1.5 g per 100 ml; or (iii) no more than 28% saturated fat as a proportion of the total fat content

			<p>Liquid food:</p> <p>(i) No detectable trans fat; and</p> <p>(ii) containing no more saturated fat than 0.75 g per 100 ml; or</p> <p>(iii) no more than 28% saturated fat as a proportion of the total fat content</p>
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Remark:

- Similarly, trans fat free claim is not defined in Taiwan, while the rounding rule for 0 g of trans fat is not more than 0.3g of trans fat per 100 g/ ml of food.
- As supplementary information, trans fat free claim is permitted in Malaysia, and the condition is less than 0.1 g of trans fat per 100 g/ ml; and that for Canada is less than 0.2 g of trans fat per serving, in addition to the requirement that the food must meet the condition for "low saturated fat" claim

Claim	HK	Codex	Mainland
Low Sugars	Food, solid or liquid, containing not more than 5 g of sugars per 100 g/ mL of food. (Same as Mainland condition)	Not defined	Food, solid or liquid, containing not more than 5 g of sugars per 100 g/ mL of food
	USA	EU	Australia/ New Zealand
	Not defined	(a) Solid food: containing not more than 5 g of sugars per 100 g of food (b) Liquid food: containing not more than 2.5 g of sugars per 100 ml of food	(c) Solid food: containing not more than 5 g of sugars per 100 g of food (d) Liquid food: containing not more than 2.5 g of sugars per 100 ml of food
Claim	HK	Codex	Mainland
Low Protein	Food, solid or liquid, containing protein which contributes not more than 5% of energy (Same as Mainland condition)	Not defined	Food, solid or liquid, containing protein which contributes not more than 5% of energy
	USA	EU	Australia/ New Zealand
	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined