

Application Procedures
in respect of Prepackaged Food with Small Sales Volume

1. Under the nutrition labelling scheme, the Authority (i.e. Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene) may grant an exemption in respect of any prepackaged food product from the requirements of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Amendment Regulation if the Authority is satisfied that the annual sales volume of the food of the same version would not exceed 30 000 units and no nutrition claim is made.

New Applications

2. Importers and manufacturers are eligible to apply for the exemption. The applicant will be notified of the Authority's decision to grant the application, to require further information, or to reject the application within 14 working days. For successful applications, the notification will request the applicant to make the fee payment before a specified date for the issuance of the formal approval letter. Once payment is received from the successful applicant, the formal exemption will be issued within 7 working days.

Renewal Applications

3. A person to whom an exemption has been granted may, before the expiration of the exemption, apply to the Authority for renewal. The applicant will be notified of the Authority's decision to renew the exemption, to require further information, or to reject the renewal application within 14 working days. For successful renewal applications, the notification will request the applicant to make the renewal fee payment before a specified date. Once payment is received from the successful applicant, the formal exemption will be issued within 7 working days. A renewal takes effect on the day following the expiration of the exemption.

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