

The Proposed Exemptions from Nutrition Labelling

6th Technical Meeting with Trade
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Proposed Exemptions

1. 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.
4. Individually wrapped preserved fruits which are not enclosed in any further packaging and which are intended for sale as single items.



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5. Prepackaged food packed in a container which has a total surface area of less than 100cm².
6. Fresh fruit and fresh vegetables
7. Dried (乾) fruit and vegetables to which, apart from substances permitted under the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap 132BD) and of no nutrient value per se, no other ingredient has been added.
8. Carbonated water, to which no ingredient other than carbon dioxide has been added and the description of which indicates that it has been carbonated.
9. Spring water and mineral water (including both natural mineral water and an artificial imitation of natural mineral water).
10. Prepackaged food which does not contain any energy and core nutrients values. *[Note: This category may include tea leaves, herbs, spices, and distilled water.]*



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11. Individually wrapped meat, fish, molluscs, crustaceans or seafood of any kind which is (a) in a raw and unprocessed state; and (b) intended for sale as a single item.
12. Prepackaged food containing assorted raw (including dried if still raw) ingredients which is not intended for sale for immediate consumption but, for the purpose of rendering it fit for human consumption, is intended to be subjected to a process of cooking. *[Note: This category may include those commonly known as dish-packs (“鑊包”) or soup-packs (“湯包”) that are available at supermarkets.]*



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13. Prepackaged food sold by a charitable institution or trust of a public character which is exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112); and in an event for charitable purposes.
14. Prepackaged food (a) prepared and sold at the same premises; or (b) prepared at the premise which are adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of, the premises where the prepackaged food is sold, and there is not other place at which the prepackaged food is sold.



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15. Prepackaged food sold to a catering establishment as a single food item.
16. Prepackaged food sold by entities to which DFEH has granted a permission on the grounds that the annual sales of the prepackaged food is below [20,000 units]. (Specific requirements include: Conditions may be imposed in granting the permission; With non-refundable application fee) *[Prepackaged food with nutrition label under this particular exemption will not lose their exemption status. However, similar to other exempt items, the exemption status of low volume prepackaged food will be removed in case there is a nutrient-related claim.]*



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