

Proposed Exemptions from Nutrition Labelling

NL Technical Meeting
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Proposed Exemptions

1. Prepackaged food 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 intended 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.



Proposed Exemptions (cont.)

5. Prepackaged food packed in a container which has a total surface area of less than 100 cm².
6. Fruit or vegetables, whether fresh, chilled, frozen or dried –
 - (a) packed in a container which contains no other ingredient; and
 - (b) to which no other ingredient has been added.



Proposed Exemption (cont.)

7. Carbonated water, to which no ingredient other than carbon dioxide has been added and the description of which indicates that it has been carbonated.
8. Spring water and mineral water (including both natural mineral water and an artificial imitation of natural mineral water).
9. Prepackaged food which does not contain any energy value and core nutrients [Does not contain = round to zero under NL rounding rules]



Proposed Exemption (cont.)

10. Meat, marine or fresh water fish or any other form of aquatic life commonly used for human consumption –
 - (a) which is in a raw state;
 - (b) packed in a container which contains no other ingredient; and
 - (c) to which no other ingredient has been added.
11. Prepackaged food containing assorted ingredients which is –
 - (a) prepared and sold to an ultimate consumer at the same premises;
 - (b) not intended for sale for immediate consumption; and
 - (c) for the purpose of rendering it fit for human consumption, intended to be subjected to a process of cooking.



Proposed Exemption (cont.)

12. Prepackaged food sold –
 - (a) 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
 - (b) in an event held for charitable purposes.
13. Prepackaged food –
 - (a) processed and sold to an ultimate consumer at the same premises; or
 - (b) processed at a place which is adjacent to, or in the immediate vicinity of, the premises where the prepackaged food is sold to an ultimate consumer; and
 - (c) not offered for sale outside of the premises referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).



Proposed Exemption (cont.)

14. Prepackaged food sold to a catering establishment as a single food item.
15. Prepackaged food with annual sales volume not exceeding 30,000 units. (Agenda Item 4)

Note:

For Items 1-14, where a prepackaged food is with any nutrition claim or with nutrition label, the exemption status of the food concerned will be removed.

For Item 15, where a prepackaged food is with any nutrition claim, the exemption status of the food concerned will be removed.



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