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Mexico – Labelling of pre-packed food and non-alcoholic beverages

Several members expressed concern about a draft Mexican regulation setting out nutrition labelling requirements for pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages. The European Union, the United States, Switzerland, Costa Rica and Guatemala said that the proposal restricts trade more than necessary – although they recognize the importance of promoting public health and empowering consumers to make informed decisions. These countries are concerned, among other things, about the mandatory nature of the measure and how the proposal treats various types of nutritional information (e.g. on dietary fibres, added sugars, trans-fat). They are also concerned that the requirements are not aligned with relevant Codex standards. Mexico was requested to provide an adequate transition period to allow industry to adapt.

Mexico said that the proposed regulation was introduced in order to address an obesity epidemic. The proposal had been subject to public consultations, which concluded in December 2019. Thousands of comments had been received from both national and international stakeholders. Following the consultations, in January 2020, a revised proposal had been agreed by the relevant Mexican authorities. The revised version would shortly be published in Mexico's Official Gazette.