

Overview of Revisions to the Quality Labelling Standard for Soy Sauce(Shoyu)

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I. Objective for revisions

The Quality Labelling Standard for Soy Sauce (Shoyu) will be modified according to a revision in the Food for Special Dietary Uses system under article 26 of the Health Promotion Law (herein after referred as the Law). Approval of Minister of Health, Welfare and Labour will not be required in order to label “low sodium foods” after the revision has been completed.

II. Major points of revisions

(Article 4)

The Quality Labelling Standard for Soy sauce (Shoyu) will be amended as follows;

- In order to label “low salt soy sauce (shoyu)”, approval for labelling as Food for Special Dietary Uses based on the Law will not be required; instead, such labelling will be required to be made in accordance with the Nutrition Labelling Standard under the Law.

III . Document subject to revisions

The document below is subject to revisions, which is provided by the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry products (Law No.175 of 1950):

- The Quality Labelling Standard for Soy sauce(Shoyu) (Notification No.1665 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of 19 December 2000)