

Proposals from

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concerning labelling claims and removal of indexing rules for facet H.

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Labelling claims

1. "NO TRANS FAT" LABELING CLAIM

BT Labeling Claim (P0163)

RT Saturated fat-related Claim or Use (P0071) ????

SN Under the new FDA regulations, by Jan. 1, 2006, consumers will be able to find trans fat listed on food nutrition labels directly under the line for saturated fat. The new information is the first significant change on the Nutrition Facts panel since it was established in 1993.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/initiatives/transfat/>

2. PROCESSING LABELING CLAIM

BT labeling Claim (P0163)

SN Used for terms that describe processing information found on food labeling.

Example would be "processed in a plant that also processes peanuts labeling claim".

Note from Betsy: We may not need this unless you can think of other such processing claims that are currently showing up on food labeling.

3, "PROCESSED IN PLANT THAT ALSO PROCESSES PEANUTS" LABELING CLAIM

BT Processing Labeling Claim

Note from Betsy: I am not sure that this is the correct wording for this concept and will see if I can clarify in the grocery store this weekend. In the meantime I wanted to capture this concept. Joanne--do you have access to labels that might clarify this wording?

4. And here is something that is coming down the pike. It has been proposed by FDA and I just wanted to capture it so that when/if it becomes law we can get in the appropriate index term:

"GLUTEN FREE" LABELING CLAIM

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/glutqa.html#q8>

Note from AM:

The labelling claim descriptors must be in accordance with both international and national regulations. The international regulations that I can think of here and now are

Codex Alimentarius:

Standard for Labelling of and Claims for Prepackaged Foods for Special Dietary Use
(http://www.codexalimentarius.net/download/standards/292/CXS_146e.pdf)

Standard for Labelling of and Claims for Foods for Special Medical Purposes
(http://www.codexalimentarius.net/download/standards/294/CXS_180e.pdf)

General Guidelines on Claims
(http://www.codexalimentarius.net/download/standards/33/CXG_001e.pdf)

Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims
(http://www.codexalimentarius.net/download/standards/351/CXG_023e.pdf)

European Union:

Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods
(http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2006/l_404/l_40420061230en00090025.pdf)

Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods
(http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l_012/l_01220070118en00030018.pdf)

Proposal to modify the indexing rules for H. TREATMENT APPLIED.

It is proposed that the requirement that specific foods be indexed according to rules specified on page 68 of the LanguaL 2000 Introduction are removed. The rules have not been implemented in the LanguaL Food Product Indexer, and the EuroFIR indexing has been done without regard to the specifications of second to fourth ingredient in order of predominance as detailed in that section of the coding manual.

The chart on page 68 shows which ingredients are indexed according to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or any level, as well as coatings and % by weight.

It is suggested that those rules be dropped in favor of a simplified rule that any TREATMENT APPLIED index term be used where appropriate.

Note from AM: I fully support this proposal.

