

Draft variations to the Code – consolidated version of Standard 1.2.8 – Nutrition Information Requirements

STANDARD 1.2.8

NUTRITION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

~~This Standard sets out nutrition information requirements in relation to food that is required to be labelled under this Code and for food exempt from these labelling requirements. This Standard prescribes when nutritional information must be provided, and the manner in which such information is provided.~~

~~This Standard does not apply to infant formula products where either Standard 2.9.1 – Infant Formula Products or Standard 1.1A.1 – Transitional Standard for Infant Formula Products otherwise provides. Standard 2.9.1 sets out specific nutrition labelling requirements that apply to infant formula products. Standard 1.3.2 (Vitamins and Minerals) sets out the labelling requirements for claims made about the vitamin and mineral content of foods. This Standard sets out nutrition information requirements in relation to food that is required to be labelled under this Code and for food exempt from these labelling requirements. This Standard prescribes when nutritional information must be provided, and the manner in which such information is provided. Standard 1.2.7 – Nutrition, Health and Related Claims also sets out additional nutrition information requirements in relation to nutrition content claims and health claims.~~

~~This Standard does not apply to infant formula products standardised in Standard 2.9.1 – Infant Formula Products. Standard 2.9.1 sets out specific nutrition labelling requirements that apply to infant formula products.~~

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Division 1 – Interpretation

Clauses

1 Interpretation

(1) In this Standard –

~~average energy content means the energy content of a food determined by multiplying the average amount of each food component per 100 grams of the food by the energy factor for that food component and summing the amounts calculated for each using the following formula–~~

$$\text{Average energy (kJ/100 g)} = \sum W_i F_i$$

~~Where–~~

~~W_i means the average weight of the food component (g/100 g food); and~~

~~F_i means the energy factor assigned to that food component (kJ/g).~~

average energy content means the figure worked in accordance with subclause (3).

biologically active substance means a substance, other than a nutrient, with which health effects are associated.

carbohydrate means –

- (a) ‘carbohydrate by difference’, calculated by subtracting from 100, the average quantity expressed as a percentage of water, protein, fat, dietary fibre, ash, alcohol, and if quantified or added to the food, any other unavailable carbohydrate and the substances listed in column 1 of Table 2 to subclause 2(2); or
- (b) ‘available carbohydrate’, calculated by summing the average quantity of total available sugars and starch, and if quantified or added to the food, any available oligosaccharides, glycogen and maltodextrins.

claim requiring nutrition information has the meaning given in subclause 4(1).

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dietary fibre means that fraction of the edible part of plants or their extracts, or synthetic analogues that –

- (a) are resistant to the digestion and absorption in the small intestine, usually with complete or partial fermentation in the large intestine; and
- (b) promote one or more of the following beneficial physiological effects –
 - (i) laxation;
 - (ii) reduction in blood cholesterol;
 - (iii) modulation of blood glucose;

and includes polysaccharides, oligosaccharides (degree of polymerisation > 2) and lignins.

fat means total fat.

gluten means the main protein in wheat, rye, oats, barley, triticale and spelt relevant to the medical conditions, Coeliac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis.

monounsaturated fatty acids means the total of cis-monounsaturated fatty acids and declared as monounsaturated fat.

nutrition claim means a representation that states, suggests or implies that a food has a nutritional property whether general or specific and whether expressed affirmatively or negatively, and includes a reference to—

- (a) energy; or
- (b) salt, sodium or potassium; or
- (c) amino acids, carbohydrate, cholesterol, fat, fatty acids, fibre, protein, starch or sugars; or
- (d) vitamins or minerals; or
- (e) any other nutrient; or
- (f) a biologically active substance;

but does not include—

- (g) a reference in a statement of ingredients, a prescribed name, or any other prescribed information; or
- (h) the provision of particulars relating to a nutrient or energy that is required by clause 5; or
- (i) a reference in the commonly accepted name of a food; or
- (j) a reference to a quantitative or qualitative declaration of certain nutrients, ingredients or energy in the label where that declaration is required otherwise by the Act or this Code; or
- (k) a reference to a reduction in alcohol content.

polyunsaturated fatty acids means the total of polyunsaturated fatty acids with cis-cis-methylene interrupted double bonds acids and declared as polyunsaturated fat.

saturated fatty acids means the total of fatty acids containing no double bonds acids and declared as saturated fat.

sugars means monosaccharides and disaccharides.

trans fatty acids means the total of unsaturated fatty acids where one or more of the double bonds are in the trans configuration acids and declared as trans fat.

unit quantity means, in the case of a solid or semi-solid food, 100 grams or, in the case of a beverage or other liquid food, 100 millilitres.

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(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, the definitions in Standard 1.2.7 apply in this Standard.

(3) Average energy content is to be calculated by—

- (a) multiplying the average amount of each food component per 100 g of the food by the energy factor for that food component; then
- (b) adding the amounts calculated for each food component using the following formula—

$$E_{kJ} = \sum W_i F_i$$

Where E_{kJ} is the average energy content expressed in kilojoules per 100 g, W_i is the average weight of the food component expressed in grams per 100 g and F_i means the energy factor assigned to that food component expressed in kilojoules per gram.

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(42) Where this Standard permits average energy content to be expressed in calories, the average energy content in calories is to be calculated in accordance with the following formula –

$$E_{cal} = \frac{E_{kJ}}{4.18}$$

Where E_{cal} is the average energy content expressed in calories and E_{kJ} is the average energy content calculated in accordance with the formula in subclause (1).

1A Application

This Standard does not apply to a food standardised by Standard 2.9.1.

Editorial note:

Infant formula products standardised by Standard 2.9.1 are not required to carry a nutrition information panel in accordance with this Standard, however Standard 2.9.1 prescribes specific nutrition information requirements for those foods.

2 Energy factors

(1) In this clause –

energy factor means the metabolisable energy (ME) of the food component calculated according to the following formula, expressed in kilojoules per gram of food component, rounded to the nearest whole number –

$$ME = GE - FE - UE - GaE - SE$$

Where –

ME means metabolisable energy

GE means gross energy (as measured by bomb calorimetry)

FE means energy lost in faeces

UE means energy lost in urine

GaE means the energy lost in gases produced by fermentation in the large intestine

SE means the energy content of waste products lost from surface areas

(2) Energy factors in relation to the food components listed in column 1 of Table 1 and column 1 of Table 2 to this subclause are specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 of Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1 to subclause 2(2)

Column 1	Column 2
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Food Component	Energy factor (kJ/g)
Alcohol	29
Carbohydrate (excluding unavailable carbohydrate)	17
Unavailable carbohydrate (including dietary fibre)	8
Fat	37
Protein	17

Table 2 to subclause 2(2)

Column 1	Column 2
Food Component	Energy factor (kJ/g)
Erythritol	1
Glycerol	18
Isomalt	11
Lactitol	11
Maltitol	13
Mannitol	9
Organic acids	13
Polydextrose	5
Sorbitol*	14
D-Tagatose	11
Xylitol	14

Editorial note:

* Energy factor for sorbitol taken as an average of calculated range determined with or without ingestion of other foods.

Division 2 – Nutrition information panels

3 Nutrition information requirements and exemptions

Subject to clause 4, the label on a package of food must include a nutrition information panel except where the food is –

- (a) sold at fund-raising events; or
- (b) an alcoholic beverage standardised in Standard 2.7.2 to Standard 2.7.5 of this Code; or
- (c) a herb, a spice, a herbal infusion; or
- (d) vinegar and related products as standardised in Standard 2.10.1; or
- (e) salt and salt products as standardised in Standard 2.10.2; or
- (f) tea, decaffeinated tea, decaffeinated instant or soluble tea, instant or soluble tea, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, decaffeinated instant or soluble coffee, instant or soluble coffee, as defined in Standard 1.1.2; or
- (g) an additive for the purposes of Standard 1.3.1; or
- (h) a processing aid as defined in Standard 1.3.3; or
- (i) fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, and fish that comprise a single ingredient or category of ingredients; or
- (j) in a small package; or
- (k) gelatine as defined in Standard 1.1.2; or
- (l) water, or mineral or spring water as defined in Standard 2.6.2; or
- (m) prepared filled rolls, sandwiches, bagels and similar products; or
- (n) jam setting compound; or
- (o) a kit which is intended to be used to produce an alcoholic beverage standardised in Standard 2.7.2 to Standard 2.7.5 of this Code; or
- (p) a beverage containing no less than 0.5% alcohol by volume that is not standardised in Standard 2.7.2 to Standard 2.7.5 of this Code; or
- (q) kava as standardised in Standard 2.6.3.

~~4 Requirements for nutrition information panels where nutrition claims are made in relation to food~~

~~(1) Where a nutrition claim is made in relation to a food, a nutrition information panel must be included on the label on the package of the food.~~

~~(2) Subject to subclause (3), where a nutrition claim is made in relation to a food which is not required to bear a label pursuant to clause 2 of Standard 1.2.1, the information prescribed in clause 5, must be –~~

- ~~(a) declared in a nutrition information panel displayed on or in connection with the display of the food; or~~
- ~~(b) provided to the purchaser upon request.~~

~~(3) Where a nutrition claim is made in relation to a food in a small package, the label must include the information prescribed in clause 8.~~

4 Requirements for nutrition information panels when certain claims made

(1) A claim requiring nutrition information means any of –

- (a) a nutrition content claim;
- (b) a general level health claim; or
- (c) a high level health claim;

but does not include –

- (f) an endorsement; or
- (g) a cause-related marketing statement.

Editorial note:

The definitions of nutrition content claim, general level health claim and high level health claim are contained in Standard 1.2.7. Those definitions include the claims that are permitted by that Standard, but also include claims permitted elsewhere in the code (for example, a claim permitted under subclause 8(3) of Standard 2.6.2).

(2) Subject to subclauses (3) and (4), where a claim requiring nutrition information is made in relation to a food, a nutrition information panel must be included on the label on the package of the food.

(3) Where a claim requiring nutrition information is made in relation to a food which is not required to bear a label pursuant to clause 2 of Standard 1.2.1, the information prescribed in clause 5, must be –

- (a) declared in a nutrition information panel displayed on or in connection with the display of the food; or
- (b) provided to the purchaser upon request.

(4) Where a claim requiring nutrition information is made in relation to a food in a small package, the label need not include a nutrition information panel but must comply with clause 8.

Editorial note:

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Standard 1.2.1 defines ‘small package’ as a package with a surface area of less than 100cm². Food in a small package is not required to have a nutrition information panel, however the information that must be declared under clause 8 may be set out in a panel.

5 Prescribed declarations in a nutrition information panel

- (1) A nutrition information panel must include the following particulars –
- (a) the number of servings of the food in the package expressed as either –
 - (i) the number of servings of the food, or
 - (ii) the number of servings of the food per kg, or other units as appropriate, for those packaged foods where the weight or volume of the food as packaged is variable; and
 - (b) the average quantity of the food in a serving expressed, in the case of a solid or semi-solid food, in grams or, in the case of a beverage or other liquid food, in millilitres; and
 - (c) the unit quantity of the food; and
 - (d) the average energy content, expressed in kilojoules or both in kilojoules and in calories (kilocalories), of a serving of the food and of the unit quantity of the food; and
 - (e) subject to subclause (1A)42, the average quantity, expressed in grams of, protein, fat, saturated fat, carbohydrate and sugars, in a serving of the food and in a unit quantity of the food; and
 - (f) the average quantity, expressed in milligrams or both milligrams and millimoles, of sodium in a serving of the food and in the unit quantity of the food; and
 - (g) the name and the average quantity of any other nutrient or biologically active substance in respect of which a claim requiring nutrition information is made, expressed in grams, milligrams or micrograms or other units as appropriate, that is in a serving of the food and in the unit quantity of the food; and
 - (h) any other matter which this Code requires to be included.
~~the name and the average quantity of any other nutrient or biologically active substance in respect of which a nutrition claim is made, expressed in grams, milligrams or micrograms or other units as appropriate, that is in a serving of the food and in the unit quantity of the food;~~

set out, unless otherwise prescribed in this Code, in the following format –

NUTRITION INFORMATION		
Servings per package: (insert number of servings)		
Serving size: g (or mL or other units as appropriate)		
	Quantity per Serving	Quantity per 100 g (or 100 mL)
Energy	kJ (Cal)	kJ (Cal)
Protein	g	g
Fat, total	g	g
– saturated	g	g
Carbohydrate	g	g
sugars	g	g
Sodium	mg (mmol)	mg (mmol)
(insert any other nutrient or	g, mg, µg (or other units as	g, mg, µg (or other units

biologically active substance to be declared)	appropriate)	as appropriate)
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(1A) Where a claim–

- (a) is made about a food standardised in Standard 2.4.1 or Standard 2.4.2; and
- (b) relates to polyunsaturated fatty acids or monounsaturated fatty acids;

the following properties may be set out in the panel as a minimum or maximum quantity in a serving of the food and per 100 g/mL –

- (c) saturated fatty acids;
- (d) polyunsaturated fatty acids;
- (e) monounsaturated fatty acids; and
- (f) trans fatty acids.

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(2) A nutrition information panel must clearly indicate that –

- (a) the average quantities set out in the panel are average quantities; and
- (b) any minimum and maximum quantities set out in the panel are minimum and maximum quantities.

Editorial note:

‘Average quantity’ is determined in accordance with the definition set out in clause 2 of Standard 1.1.1. Average quantities may be indicated, for example, by inserting the word ‘Average’ or an abbreviation for average at the beginning of ‘Quantity per Serving’ and the ‘Quantity per 100 g (or 100 mL)’ columns, or including a note at the end of the panel stating that all specified values are averages.

No format is prescribed for the indication of minimum and maximum quantities. They may be indicated, for example, by inserting the bracketed abbreviations ‘(min)’ and ‘(max)’ immediately after the relevant quantities in the Quantity per Serving column and the Quantity per 100 g (or 100 ml) column.

Clause 12 explains when minimum and maximum quantities may be indicated.

(3) The word ‘serving’ may be replaced in the nutrition information panel by –

- (a) the word ‘slice’, ‘pack’ or ‘package’; or
- (b) the words ‘metric cup’ or ‘metric tablespoon’ or other appropriate word or words expressing a unit or common measure.

(4) The nutrition information panel must include declarations of the trans, polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids in accordance with subclause (7), where a claim requiring nutrition information is made about or based on ~~nutrition claim is made in respect of~~ –

- (a) cholesterol; or
- (b) saturated, trans, polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fatty acids; or
- (c) omega-3, omega-6 or omega-9 fatty acids.

(5) The nutrition information panel must include a declaration of the presence or absence of dietary fibre in accordance with subclause (7), where a claim requiring nutrition information is made about or based on ~~nutrition claim is made in respect of~~ –

- (a) fibre; or
- (b) any specifically named fibre; or
- (c) sugars; or
- (d) any other type of carbohydrate.

(5A) Zero (0) must be used to indicate the absence of dietary fibre under subclause (5).

(6) The nutrition information panel must include declarations of unavailable carbohydrate where the unavailable carbohydrate has been subtracted in the calculation of 'carbohydrate by difference' as defined in clause 1.

(6A) The reference to 'unavailable carbohydrate' in subclause (6) does not include dietary fibre.

(6B) The nutrition information panel must include individual declarations of those substances listed in column 1 of Table 2 to subclause 2(2) where they are present, either singly or in combination, in the final food in an amount of no less than 5g/100g, and where –

- (a) any of the substances listed in column 1 have been subtracted in the calculation of 'carbohydrate by difference' as defined in clause 1; or
- (b) any of the substances listed in column 1 have been quantified or added to the food, if 'available carbohydrate' as defined in clause 1 is used.

(6C) The reference to 'substances listed in column 1 of Table 2 to subclause 2(2)' in subclause (6B) does not include organic acids.

(7) The information prescribed in subclause (4) and subclause (5), where required to be included in a nutrition information panel, must be set out in the following format –

NUTRITION INFORMATION		
Servings per package: (insert number of servings)		
Serving size: g (or mL or other units as appropriate)		
	Quantity per Serving	Quantity per 100 g (or 100 mL)
Energy	kJ (Cal)	kJ (Cal)
Protein, total	g	g
_ *	g	g
Fat, total	g	g
– saturated	g	g
_ **	g	g
– trans	g	g
_ **	g	g
– polyunsaturated	g	g
_ **	g	g
– monounsaturated	g	g
_ **	g	g
Cholesterol	mg	mg
Carbohydrate	g	g
– sugars	g	g
_ **	g	g
_ *	g	g
_ **	g	g
Dietary fibre, total	g	g
_ **	g	g
Sodium	mg (mmol)	mg (mmol)
(insert any other nutrient or biologically active substance to be declared)	g, mg, µg (or other units as appropriate)	g, mg, µg (or other units as appropriate)

*a sub-group nutrient

**a sub-sub-group nutrient

Editorial note:

This format sets out how sub-groups and sub-sub-groups of nutrients may be included. The word ‘total’ following ‘protein’ or ‘dietary fibre’ in the first column of the panel need only be included if it is immediately followed by the sub-group.

(8) The declaration of dietary fibre in a panel must be a declaration of dietary fibre determined in accordance with clause 18.

6 Expression of average energy content and quantities of nutrients and biologically active substances

(1) The average energy content, and average or minimum or maximum quantities of nutrients and biologically active substances must be expressed in the panel to not more than three significant figures.

(2) Where the average energy content of a serving or unit quantity of the food is less than 40 kJ, that average energy content may be expressed in the panel as 'LESS THAN 40 kJ'.

(3) Where the average quantity of protein, fat, classes of fatty acids, carbohydrate, sugars or dietary fibre in a serving or unit quantity of the food is less than 1 gram, that average quantity may be expressed in the panel as 'LESS THAN 1 g'.

(4) Where the average quantity of sodium or potassium in a serving of the food, or unit quantity of the food is less than 5 milligrams, that average quantity may be expressed in the panel as 'LESS THAN 5 mg'.

7 Percentage daily intake information

(1) Information relating to the percentage daily intake of nutrients set out in a nutrition information panel may be included in the panel.

~~(2) Where percentage daily intake information is included in a panel –~~

~~(a) the percentage daily intake of dietary fibre per serving may be included in the panel; and~~

~~(b) the following matters must be included in the panel –~~

~~(i) the percentage daily intake of energy, fat, saturated fatty acids, carbohydrate, sugars, protein and sodium per serving; and~~

~~(ii) either of the following statements –~~

~~'*based on an average adult diet of 8700 kJ'; or~~

~~'Percentage daily intakes are based on an average adult diet of 8700 kJ'~~

~~(2) Where percentage daily intake information is included in a panel –~~

~~(a) the percentage daily intake of dietary fibre may be included in the panel; and~~

~~(b) the following matters must be included in the panel –~~

~~(i) the percentage daily intake of energy, fat, saturated fatty acids, carbohydrate, sugars, protein and sodium; and~~

~~(ii) the statement –~~

~~'*Percentage daily intakes are based on an average adult diet of 8700 kJ.~~

~~Your daily intakes may be higher or lower depending upon your energy needs.'~~

Editorial note:

The inclusion of '% Daily Intake' information is voluntary. An example of a recommended nutrition information panel for mandatory nutrients incorporating the optional '% Daily Intake' element is set out below.

(1) This clause only applies where a claim requiring nutrition information is made about carbohydrate on or about food in a small package.

(2) The label must include a declaration of unavailable carbohydrate where unavailable carbohydrate has been subtracted in the calculation of 'carbohydrate by difference' as defined in clause 1.

(3) The reference to 'unavailable carbohydrate' in subclause (2) does not include dietary fibre.

(4) If –

(a) the food contains any of the substances in Column 1 of the Table to subclause 2(2) other than organic acids (the **relevant substances**); and

(b) the relevant substances either singly or in combination are present in the final form of the food in an amount no less than 5g/100g;

then

(c) the presence of the relevant substances must be declared on the label.

9 Food in dehydrated or concentrated form

Where a food in dehydrated or concentrated form is labelled with directions that indicate that the food should be reconstituted with water before consumption, the label on the package of that food must include the particulars set out in each column of the panel expressed as a proportion of the food as so reconstituted.

10 Food that must be drained before consumption

The label on a package of food with directions indicating that the food should be drained before consumption, must clearly indicate that the particulars set out in each column of the panel relate to the drained food.

11 Food to be prepared or consumed with other food

(1) The label on a package of food intended to be prepared or consumed with at least one other food, may include an additional column at the right hand side of the panel specifying, in the same manner as set out in the panel, descriptions and quantities of the foods in question together with the average energy content of the food and the average quantities of nutrients and biologically active substances declared in the panel.

(2) If a nutrition information panel in accordance with subclause (1) is provided, the weight or volume of the serving size as prepared must be declared in the panel.

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11A Claims on food to be prepared or consumed with other food

If a claim requiring nutrition information is made about a food that is required to be prepared and consumed according to directions, then the nutrition information panel must be in accordance with clause 11.

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Division 3 – Deleted

Editorial note:

Division 3 of this Standard has been deleted and the conditions for making nutrition claims are now contained in Standard 1.2.7.

Division 3—Conditions for making certain nutrition claims

12—Claims in relation to polyunsaturated or monounsaturated fatty acid content of foods

(1) — A nutrition claim, subject to clause 13, must not be made in relation to the polyunsaturated fatty acid content or monounsaturated fatty acid content of a food unless—

- (a) — the total of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids comprises no more than 28 per cent of the total fatty acid content of the food; and
- (b) — the fatty acid in respect of which the nutrition claim is made comprises no less than 40 per cent of the total fatty acid content of the food.

(2) — Where a claim is made in relation to the polyunsaturated fatty acid content or monounsaturated fatty acid content of foods for which there are compositional requirements specified in Standard 2.4.1 or Standard 2.4.2, the quantity of saturated fatty acids, polyunsaturated fatty acids, monounsaturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids may be set out in the panel as a minimum or maximum quantity in a serving of the food.

Editorial note:

Subclause 12(2) provides manufacturers of edible oils and edible oil spreads with the option of setting out the minimum and maximum fatty acid content of the types of fatty acids referred to in subclause 12(2) instead of their average quantity. Total fat must still be expressed as an average quantity in accordance with paragraph 5(1)(e).

13—Claims in relation to omega fatty acid content of foods

(1) — Where a nutrition claim using the word ‘omega’ is made in relation to the omega fatty acid content of a food, the word ‘omega’ must be qualified by the type of omega fatty acid present and this qualification must appear immediately after the word ‘omega’.

Editorial note:

For example, in the format ‘Omega 3’, ‘Omega 6’ or ‘Omega 9’.

(2) — Subject to subclause (3) and subclause (4), a claim must not be made in relation to the omega 3 fatty acid content of a food, other than fish or fish products that have no added saturated fatty acids, unless the—

- (a) — total of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids is no more than 28 per cent of the total fatty acid content of the food; or
- (b) — food contains no more than 5 g of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids per 100 g of the food.

(3) — A nutrition claim must not be made in relation to the omega 3 fatty acid content of a food, unless the food satisfies the requirements of subclause (2) and contains no less than—

- (a) — 200 mg alpha linolenic acid per serving; or
- (b) — 30 mg total eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid per serving.

(4) — A nutrition claim must not be made that a food is a 'good source' of omega 3 fatty acid or words of similar import, unless the food satisfies the requirements of subclause (2) and contains no less than 60 mg total eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid per serving.

(5) — Where a nutrition claim is made in accordance with subclause (3) or subclause (4), the declarations in the nutrition information panel must indicate the source of omega 3 fatty acids, namely, alpha linolenic acid, docosahexaenoic acid and/or eicosapentaenoic acid.

(6) — A nutrition claim must not be made in relation to the omega 6 or omega 9 fatty acid content of a food, unless the —

(a) — total of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids content of the food is no more than 28 per cent of the total fatty acid content of the food; and

(b) — fatty acid in respect of which the nutrition claim is made comprises no less than 40 per cent of the total fatty acid content of the food.

14 — Low joule claims in relation to food

(1) — Subject to subclause (2), a claim to the effect that a food is a low joule food, must not be made unless the average energy content of the food is no more than —

(a) — 80 kJ per 100 mL of beverages or other liquid foods; and

(b) — 170 kJ per 100 g of solid or semi solid foods.

(2) — Where a food is to be prepared as directed on the label, the average energy content of the food must be calculated for the food as prepared.

15 — Lactose claims in relation to food

(1) — A claim to the effect that a food is low lactose must not be made unless the food contains no more than 0.3 g of lactose per 100 g of the food.

(2) — A claim to the effect that a food is lactose free must not be made unless the food contains no detectable lactose.

(3) — A claim to the effect that a food is lactose reduced must be accompanied by a declaration of the proportion by which the lactose content of the food has been reduced.

(4) — Where a claim is made in relation to the lactose content of a food, particulars of the lactose and galactose content of the food must be provided in accordance with subclause 5(1).

16 — Claims in relation to gluten content of food

(1) — Claims in relation to the gluten content of food are prohibited unless expressly permitted by this Code.

(2) — A claim to the effect that a food is gluten free must not be made in relation to a food unless the food contains —

(a) ~~no detectable gluten; and no~~

~~(i) oats or their products; or~~

~~(ii) cereals containing gluten that have been malted, or their products.~~

~~(3) A claim to the effect that a food has a low gluten content must not be made in relation to a food unless the food contains no more than 20 mg gluten per 100 g of the food.~~

Editorial note:

~~Subclauses (2) and (3) of this clause permit claims to the effect that a food is gluten free or has a low gluten content, providing certain specified conditions are met.~~

~~(4) A claim to the effect that a food contains gluten or is high in gluten may be made in relation to a food.~~

17 ~~Claims in relation to salt, sodium or potassium content of food~~

~~(1) A claim to the effect that a food is low in salt or sodium content must not be made unless the food contains no more than 120 mg of sodium per 100 g of the food.~~

~~(2) Where a nutrition claim is made in respect of the salt, sodium or potassium content of a food, or any two or all of them, then particulars, including particulars relating to both the sodium and potassium content of the food, must be provided in relation to the food in accordance with subclause 5(1).~~

Division 4 – Miscellaneous

18 **Methods of analysis to determine total dietary fibre and specifically named fibre content of food**

(1) Subject to subclause (2), the methods set out in the Table to this subclause are the prescribed methods of analysis for the determination of total dietary fibre and any specifically named fibre content of food for the purposes of nutrition labelling in this standard.

Table to subclause 18(1)

Column 1	Column 2
Dietary Fibre	Method of analysis
Total dietary fibre	Section 985.29 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005), or Section 991.43 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005).
Total dietary fibre (including all resistant maltodextrins)	Section 2001.03 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005)
Inulin and fructooligosaccharide	Section 997.08 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005).
Inulin	Section 999.03 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005).
Polydextrose	Section 2000.11 of the AOAC, 18th Edition (2005)

(2) Where the dietary fibre content of a food has been determined by more than one method of analysis listed in column 2 of the Table to subclause 18(1), the total dietary fibre content is calculated by adding together the results from each method of analysis and then subtracting any portion of dietary fibre which has been included in the results of more than one method of analysis.

Editorial note:

For example, the dietary fibre content of a cereal bar with added inulin is calculated by adding the result of the analysis for total dietary fibre, using one of the two possible methods of analysis, to the result of the analysis for inulin, and subtracting from the total that part of the inulin content that was included in the result of the analysis for total dietary fibre.

See Standard 1.3.4 – Identity and Purity for the identity and purity requirements for added resistant maltodextrins.

19 Items in panel are nutrition content claims in some circumstances

(1) In this clause –

voluntary item means a particular which is permitted by this Code to be included in a nutrition information panel.

mandatory item means a particular which is required by this Code to be included in the nutrition information panel in some or all circumstances.

(2) To avoid doubt, the inclusion of a mandatory item in a nutrition information panel is not a nutrition content claim.

(3) The inclusion of a voluntary item in a nutrition information panel is a nutrition content claim unless –

(a) this Code provides otherwise; or

(b) the voluntary item is a declaration of –

(i) less than 2 g of dietary fibre; or

(ii) trans fatty acid content.

(4) A nutrition information panel that contains the prescribed declarations in paragraphs 5(1)(a) to 5(1)(f) on a product containing more than 1.15% alcohol by volume is not nutrition content claim.