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**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDELINES ON
NUTRITION LABELLING
(SECTION 3.2 LISTING OF NUTRIENTS)
(ALINORM 03/22, APPENDIX VI)**

GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 6

COMMENTS FROM:

CANADA

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CANADA:

Section 3.2

- 3.2.2 Canada supports the declaration of sugars, dietary fibre, saturated fatty acids, *trans* fatty acids and sodium whenever one or more of these is declared, a nutrition claim is made for one of them or a health claim is made for the food. Since *trans* fatty acids have been shown to be similar to saturated fatty acids in raising serum LDL-cholesterol levels, the square brackets should be removed around *trans* fatty acids.

Since sugars is defined in 2.6 as all monosaccharides and disaccharides present in the food, the word “total” before sugars should be deleted.

- 3.2.3 The word “total” should be deleted from before sugars (see comments on 3.2.2 above). The word “The” following the words “section 3.2.1” should be capitalized to indicate the beginning of a sentence.
- 3.2.4 The square brackets should be removed from this paragraph. The second sentence should be changed to read “The declaration of the amount of polyunsaturated fatty acids may be replaced or followed by a declaration of the amounts of n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids and n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids”.

The third sentence should be changed to include the declaration of cholesterol content as well as a claim as follows: *Where nutrition claims are made regarding cholesterol or the amount of cholesterol is declared, the amounts of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids should be declared in addition to the requirements of Section 3.2.1.*

Section 3.4

- 3.4.7 The illustration of the listing of fatty acids should be aligned and show the alternatives for inclusion of n-6 and n-3 fatty acids as follows:

Fat	...g
of which saturated	...g
<i>trans</i>	...g
monounsaturated	...g
polyunsaturated	...g
n-6 polyunsaturated	...g
n-3 polyunsaturated	...g

Or

Fat	...g
of which saturated	...g
<i>trans</i>	...g
monounsaturated	...g
n-6 polyunsaturated	...g
n-3 polyunsaturated	...g

Section 2

The following definitions should be added to this section:

- 2.9 Monounsaturated fatty acids means *cis*-monounsaturated fatty acids.
- 2.10 Trans fatty acids means unsaturated fatty acids that contain one or more isolated (non-conjugated) double bonds in a “*trans*” configuration.