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ALCOHOL LABELLING

Comments from India, Norway (supported by Kazakstan)

INDIA

India supports new work on alcohol beverage labelling.

NORWAY (supported by Kazakstan)

We welcome this discussion paper and a discussion in CCFL on the role of Codex in providing guidance on labelling of alcoholic beverages.

We agree with and support the arguments in the discussion paper and in the draft project document. Especially for relevance and timeliness (section 2 in the draft project document). We agree that labelling of alcoholic beverages will improve protection of consumer by better informing them.

In order to achieve a high level of health protection for consumers and to guarantee their right to information, it should be ensured that consumers are appropriately informed as regards the food and drink they consume. The public has an interest in the relationship between diet and health and in the choice of an appropriate diet to suit individual needs. Labelling of alcoholic beverages may be done to inform consumers about for example different ingredients in a beverage, its alcohol content and energy value.

We would also like to emphasize that CCFL might want to consider information from experience from those who already have established such regulations. Therefore, we support a request for a survey of existing national legislation and regulations in the area of alcoholic beverage labelling, as mentioned in section 7 in the "Draft project document".

Norway support starting new work regarding labelling of alcoholic beverages. However, we would welcome more information based on the above for further discussion at the next CCFL.