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**PROPOSED DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF  
HEALTH AND NUTRITION CLAIMS  
(ALINORM 01/22A, APPENDIX VIII)**

**GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 3**

**COMMENTS FROM:**

**CANADA**

## **PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF NUTRITION AND HEALTH CLAIMS - (ALINORM 01/22A, APPENDIX VIII)**

### **GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AT STEP 3**

## **CANADA:**

Canada recommends removal of all the examples of claims contained in the text and in the table, and their replacement with generic examples which illustrate the claim. The inclusion of specific claims, especially enhanced function claims and risk reduction claims, may be construed to mean that these claims are sanctioned by Codex and do not require further scrutiny or acceptance by national jurisdictions. Some examples may not be relevant to certain countries and new and evolving science could render some claims obsolete. The following generic examples are recommended:

#### **2.1.1 Nutrient Content Claim**

e.g. Food X is a good/excellent source of nutrient A.  
Food Y is low in nutrient B.

#### **2.1.2 Comparative Claim**

e.g. Food X contains 25% less/more nutrient A than Food Y.

#### **2.2.1 Nutrient Function Claim**

e.g. Nutrient A (naming a physiological role of nutrient A in the body in the maintenance of health and promotion of normal growth and development).  
Food X is a good/excellent source of nutrient A.

#### **2.2.2 Enhanced Function Claim**

e.g. Nutrient A (naming an effect of nutrient A on improving or modifying a physiological function associated with health).

#### **2.2.3 Reduction of Disease Risk Claim**

e.g. A diet low in nutrient A may reduce the risk of disease D. Food X is low in nutrient A.  
A healthful diet rich in nutrient A may reduce the risk of disease D. Food X is high in nutrient A.