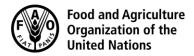
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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

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(Comments from Indonesia)

AGENDA ITEM 5: DATE MARKING (PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS)

Proposed Draft Revision		Indonesia Comments
2.	DEFINITION OF TERMS:	
		Indonesia proposes to delete the
	"Date of Minimum Durability" or "Best before Date" or	term "Best Quality before date" since
	"Best Quality before Date" means the date which	the term "best quality before date" is
	signifies the end of the-estimated period, under any stated	misleading to the consumers, it looks
	storage conditions, during which the product will remain	like a claim of the product. The term
	fully marketable and will retain any specific qualities for	"date of minimum durability" or "best
	which tacit implied or express claims have been made.	before date" are commonly used and
	However, beyond the data the food may still be acceptable	familiar to the consumers.
	for comsumption.	
4.7	Date marking and storage instructions	
4.7.1	If not otherwise determined in an individual Codex	
	standard, the following date marking shall apply unless	
	clause 4.7.1(v) applies:	
	(ii) Where a Use-by Date or Use or Consumed by date or	Indonesia proposes to delete the
	Expires by or Expiration Date is not required the Best	term "best before quality date" as a
	before Date or Best Before Quality Date or Date of	consequences deletion in the
	Minimum Durability shall be declared.	definition above.
	(iv) The date shall be introduced by the words:	Indonesia proposes to add the
	• "Use-by" or "Best before" as applicable	complete terms as the definition
	where the day is indicated; or "Use-by end" or	above for the consistency.
	"Best before end" as applicable in other	The clause to be read as follow :

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cases.The words referred to in this paragraph (iv)	"Use-by or use or consumed by
shall be introduced and used by accompanied by:	or expires by or expiration"" or
either the date itself; or	"date of minimum durability or
a reference to where the date is given.	"Best before" as applicable
	where the day is indicated; or "Use-
The day and year shall may be declared by uncoded	by <u>or use or consumed by or</u>
numbers numerical sequence except that with the year to	expires by or expiration" end or
be denoted by 2 or 4 digits, and the month shall be	"date of minimum durability or
declared by letters or characters or numbers. in those	Best before end" as applicable in
countries where such use will not confuse the	other cases. The words referred to in
consumer. Where only numbers are used to declare the	this paragraph (iv) shall be
date or where the year is expressed as only two digits,	introduced and used by
the sequence of the day month year must be given by	accompanied by:
appropriate abbreviations accompanying the date	either the date itself; or
mark. (e.g. DD/MM/YYYY) The declaration of the month in	a reference to where the
date marking shall be consistent with 8.2	date is given.
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Consideration should be given to other Codex texts	
(v) [(Notwithstanding 4.7.1 (i) and 4.7.1 (ii) a date of	Indonesia proposes to delete the
minimum mark-durability or best before date or best	term "best before quality date" as a
<u>before quality date</u> shall not be required for:	consequences deletion in the
	definition above.
confectionery products consisting of flavoured and/or	Indonesia proposes to delete these
coloured sugars;	bullets below :
	Confectionary products consisting
chewing gum.	of flavoured and/or coloured sugars;
	Chewing gum
	Rationale :
	Ingredients of these products also
	have a shelf life and it can influence
	the physical and chemical properties
	of the product, in addition to the
	storage conditions can also affect.
Where a product is not required to bear a date mark in	Indonesia proposes to delete word
accordance with 4.7.1(vii)provision the "Date of	"may"
Manufacture" or the "Date of Packaging" may/shall be	

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	used.]	
	[(x) Only one [type of] date mark should be used on a	Indonesia agrees to open the square
	product at any one time.]	brackets
4.7.2	In addition to the date of minimum durability date mark, any	Indonesia proposes to delete the
	special conditions for the storage of the food shall be	words "date of minimum durability"
	declared on the label where they are required to support	so the clause to be read as follow "
	the integrity of the date mark. if the validity of the date	
	depends thereon	In addition to the date of minimum
		durability date mark, any special
		conditions for the storage of the food
		shall be declared on the label where
		they are required to support the
		integrity of the date mark. if the
		validity of the date depends
		thereon

AGENDA ITEM 6: LABELLING OF NON-RETAIL CONTAINERS (DISCUSSION PAPER)

Indonesia supports the revision of the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Food (Codex Stan 1-1995) to include guidance for the labeling of Non-Retail Containers of Food as proposed by India.

Specific comments:

Annex 2:

Section 4.9

<u>Provision for food in non-retail container: The following information if not provided in the label shall</u> be provided in the accompanying documents-

- (i) List of Ingredients
- (ii) Nutritional Information
- (iii) List of food additives
- (iv) Name and address of the manufacturer or packer
- (v) Country of Origin
- (vi) Any other information required by the importing Country example including Halal Certification, Kosher Certification, Vegetarian/Non Vegetarian logo etc.

Comment: Indonesia proposes to delete point (ii) Nutritional information since the nutrition information is not mandatory.

AGENDA ITEM 8 : PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE TERM "HALAL" (CAC/GL 24-1997)

First of all, Indonesia would like express our appreciation to Egypt for preparing this discussion paper. Indonesia believes that the current guideline is sufficient enough and already in accordance with Islamic rules. If there are differences in implementation of the guideline is returned to the respectively state regulation since religious decision are the exclusive prerogative of religious authorities of the Muslim of each country.