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Forty-seventh Session

Palais des Congrès, Gatineau, Canada

DISCUSSION PAPER ON TRANS FATTY ACIDS

Prepared by Canada

Introduction

1. The 46th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL46) discussed a proposal for new work on the topic of the labelling of trans fatty acids (TFAs) and agreed that Canada would prepare a discussion paper to outline possible new work for consideration by CCFL47 and that information would be sought through a Circular Letter (CL) to help in the development of the discussion paper.
2. CL 2022/07-FL was issued in March 2022. Canada thanks the members and observers who responded to CL 2022/07-FL - Request for information on labelling options to support the reduction of trans fatty acids (TFAs).
3. The input received will assist in the development of a discussion paper to outline possible new work to further explore labelling options to reduce TFA intake.
4. The presentation of the discussion paper was originally planned for CCFL47. Canada proposes to present the paper at CCFL48. This will allow for consideration of discussions to take place at CCFO28 on work to reduce TFA intake. CCFO28 is tentatively scheduled for early in 2024.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is invited to defer discussion to CCFL48 and to request Canada to prepare a discussion paper on TFA taking into account discussions at CCFO for consideration by CCFL48.