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**DRAFT Definition for Nutrient Reference Values for Inclusion  
In the *Guidelines for Nutrition Labelling* (CAC/GL 2-1985)**

**COMMENTS AT STEP 6**

**COMMENTS FROM:**

BRAZIL  
JAMAICA  
PERU  
PHILIPPINES  
SAINT LUCIA

## BRAZIL

The Brazilian Delegation thanks for the opportunity to comment on CL 2011/23-FL. Brazil supports the draft definition of Nutrient Reference Value and its inclusion in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling.

## JAMAICA

Jamaica would like to thank Canada for the opportunity to comment on this draft document. Please see below our comments:

“Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) are a set of numerical values that are based on scientific data and established for purposes of nutrition labeling and relevant claims. NRVs are based on levels of nutrients associated with nutrient physiological requirements, or with the reduction in the risk of diet-related non-communicable diseases.”

Rationale: There is repetitiveness of the word “nutrient” in the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) sentence of the definition. It is suggested that the second installment of the word be replaced with the word “physiological”. This adjustment also serves to target the specific association with nutrient requirements.

## PERU

**General Observations:** Do not apply

**Specific observations:** Peru proposes the following amendment to the Definition of Nutrient Reference Values:

“Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) are a set of numerical values that are based on scientific data and established by the Codex Alimentarius for purposes of nutrition labeling and relevant claims. NRVs are based on levels of nutrients associated with nutrient requirements, or with the reduction in the risk of diet-related non-communicable diseases.”

Justification: It is considered necessary to specify that the Codex shall establish the NRVs, with the purpose of encouraging all countries that adopt the Codex Standard CAC/GL 2-1985 to utilize the NRVs proposed by the Codex.

## PHILIPPINES

### Position:

The Philippines supports the definition for Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) with the insertion of the word “making” before relevant claims to give more clarity on the purpose of the NRV, as follows:

“Nutrient reference values (NRVs) are a set of numerical values that are based on scientific data for purposes of nutrition labelling and **making** relevant claims. NRV’s are based on levels of nutrients associated with nutrient requirements, or with the reduction in the risk of diet-related non-communicable diseases”.

### Rationale

The definition of Nutrient Reference Value as drafted is clear in terms of basis (use of scientific data on nutrient levels) and purposes (for nutrition labelling and making relevant claims on risk reduction on diet related non-communicable diseases).

**SAINT LUCIA**

St. Lucia supports the advancement of the proposed revised definition of "nutrient reference value" as presented in CL 2011/23-FL, for adoption and inclusion in the Codex Guidelines for Nutrition Labelling.

"Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) are a set of numerical values that are based on scientific data and established for purposes of nutrition labelling and relevant claims. NRVs are based on levels of nutrients associated with nutrient requirements, or with the reduction in the risk of diet-related non-communicable diseases."