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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:

CANADA
CHILE
COSTA RICA
JAPAN
MEXICO
NEW ZEALAND
PARAGUAY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
URUGUAY
ICBA

CANADA

Canada supports the draft definition as presented in REP 11/FL Appendix IV for consideration at the 40th session of the CCFL.

CHILE

Chile appreciates the possibility of sending comments on the proposed definition. Chile considers it appropriate, understandable and suitable. For these reasons we support the modifications.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica would like to express its thanks for the work done and ratifies its support for the proposed paragraph to define Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs).

JAPAN

Japan supports the draft definition on Nutrient Reference Values.

MEXICO

Mexico suggests the following inclusion in the definition:

“Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) are a set of numerical values that are based on scientific data and established [by competent authorities or recognized international organizations](#) 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.”

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand supports the definition of NRV as set out in Rep 11/FL Appendix IV and supports its advancement at the next session of CCFL.

PARAGUAY

Paraguay considers that the proposed definition is appropriate, taking into account that it would be applied for nutritional labelling purposes for the general population and not for specific age groups nor for groups with special nutritional needs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICAProposed Definition of Nutrient Reference Values

The United States supports the draft definition of “Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) at Step 6 with the following comments:

- For consistency with the general principles on NRVs for nutrients associated with risk of diet-related noncommunicable diseases, we suggest that the hyphen be removed from the word “non-communicable.”
- This definition could be placed in Section 2 after the definition for “nutrient declaration.”
- After adoption of the Annexes (or of one Annex if consolidated) on general principles for establishing NRVs, the Committee may wish to consider whether it would be helpful to add a third sentence to the definition or a footnote to refer to general principles.

URUGUAY

Regarding the consultation made, Uruguay supports the definition proposed in the present Circular Letter as it considers it to encompass the aspects that need to be taken into account in a clear, concrete and comprehensive manner.

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ICBA

The International Council of Beverages Associations (ICBA) is an international nongovernmental organization that represents the interests of the worldwide nonalcoholic beverage industry. The members of ICBA operate in more than 200 countries and produce, distribute, and sell a variety of nonalcoholic beverages, including sparkling and still beverages such as soft drinks, juice-containing beverages, bottled waters, and ready-to-drink coffees and teas.

ICBA supports the draft definition for Nutrient Reference Values, as provided in the above referenced CL:

“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.”

ICBA continues to support the use of a single, inclusive term (Nutrient Reference Values) used for the purpose of nutrition labeling. The general definition used in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labeling should apply to both types of nutrients (NRVs for vitamins and minerals, and NRVs related to noncommunicable diseases).

The use of a single term will help avoid consumer confusion related to the use of slightly differing terms. Appropriate education programs should be established at the national level to ensure consumers understand the role the different nutrients play in their overall health and that they are able to make informed decisions based on presentation of nutrients within context of their reference values.