

NATIONAL WORK ON HEALTH CLAIMS

Seminar on Health Claims

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APPLICATION OF THE REGULATION (EC) No 1924/2006 ON THE NUTRITION AND HEALTH CLAIMS MADE ON FOODS

- ✓ Compilation of the list of function claims (art. 13)
 - classification of claims
- ✓ Authorisation procedure of health claims under art. 13.5 and art. 14
- ✓ Nutrient profiles



SURVEY ON THE USE OF FUNCTION CLAIMS IN FINLAND

- ✓ survey on the health claims as listed in the Art. 13 used or planned to be used in Finland 3/2006 – 8/2006
 - Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira
 - monitoring group (authorities, stakeholders, research)
- ✓ possibility of reporting missing claims 12/2006
- ✓ preliminary report on the survey 12/2006
- ✓ seminar on the responses 12/2006
- ✓ opportunity to submit further information 12/2006-1/2007



COMPILATION OF THE FINNISH LIST OF FUNCTION CLAIM (Art. 13)

- ✓ final possibility to add new claims to the list 10/2007
- ✓ national experts screening health claims 8-10/2007
 - categories of evidence: *convincing* – *probable* – *questionable*
 - free comments
- final possibility to comment the list 11/2007



COMPILATION OF THE FINNISH LIST OF FUNCTION CLAIM (Art. 13)

- ✓ claims grouped into the Passclaim (ILSI) categories + some extra categories

Elimination criteria

- ✓ nutrition claims
- ✓ reduction of disease risk claims (art. 14)
 - claims which clearly state the disease whose risk the product aims to reduce
- ✓ claims referring to children's development and health (art. 14)
- ✓ clearly medicinal claims (Dir. 2000/13/EC art. 2.b)



CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIMS

- ✓ Guidance Document on the implementation of the Regulation (14 December 2007)

- ✓ Outstanding questions
 - general principles of health claims (art. 3 and 5)
 - wording of a claim
 - conditions of use
 - scientific substantiation
 - reference to the reduction of a risk factor of a disease etc.



CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIMS

- ✓ role of relevant operators
 - Member States
 - EFSA
 - Commission

- ✓ classification case-by-case
- ✓ more discussion on principles at the Community level



AUTHORISATION OF HEALTH CLAIMS (Art. 13.5 and 14)

- ✓ authorisation of the claim will be generic
 - description of the claim (conditions of use, wording etc.) general enough AND clear enough



NUTRIENT PROFILES

- ✓ to avoid a situation where a claim mask the overall nutritional status of a food, which could mislead consumer

- ✓ generic profile
- ✓ adapted profiles for specific food categories
- ✓ thresholds for some or all of the following nutrients
 - saturated fat
 - sodium
 - sugars



Thank you for your attention!

