

## ***Deadline re Nutrition Labelling Compliance for Small Manufacturers***

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### **CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY - OTHER**

### **12 December 2007 Deadline for Nutrition Labelling Compliance for Small Manufacturers**

*The following information letter from CFIA Consumer Protection Division to Manufacturers, Importers and Retailers is available on the CFIA website at*

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeli/inform/comcon2007e.shtml>

On January 1, 2003, Health Canada published [amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations regarding nutrition labelling, nutrient content claims and diet-related health claims](#). The regulations became mandatory for most companies on December 12, 2005. Smaller companies, those with gross revenues of under \$1 million in total food sales in Canada for the 12-month period leading up to December 12, 2002, had an extended two year compliance date, which is now fast approaching. [This letter is to serve as a reminder to companies who qualified for the extended transition period where the deadline for compliance is December 12, 2007. This is the final transition period. After this date, all prepackaged food products sold in Canada must comply with the applicable nutrition labelling requirements.](#)

The amendments to the regulations focus on requirements for mandatory information, the presentation of nutrition information in the form of a Nutrition Facts table, and the appropriate use of claims. These regulations include specific compositional and labelling criteria for a restricted list of permitted nutrient content and health claims.

The CFIA and Health Canada have developed a number of tools to assist the industry in implementing these new regulations and promote compliance. [The CFIA has published the Nutrition Labelling Compliance Test, the Nutrition Labelling Toolkit and updates to the 2003 Guide to Food Labelling and Advertising. A Nutrition Labelling Brochure has also been developed by the CFIA for industry use.](#) In addition, Health Canada has developed templates to assist industry in designing new labels with the appropriate Nutrition Facts table that meet format and specification requirements.

Additional information can be found in a number of information letters, and questions and answers are available on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca). Click on the links to "food", "labelling" and "nutrition labelling" in this site. Your local Canadian Food Inspection Agency office is also available to assist with inquiries.

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