

Mandatory nutrition labeling of pre-packaged food from mid-December 2016

The provisions of Regulation No. 1169/2011/EU on the provision of food information, implying mandatory nutrition labeling of pre-packaged food, will enter into force on 13 December 2016. The Regulation already implied optional nutritional labeling since 2014, however the rules will now become mandatory, as of mid-December.

Food placed on the market or labeled prior to such effective date and being non-compliant with the requirements may continue to be sold till the stocks run out. Certain exceptions to the rule are defined by the Regulation, e.g. bottled water for human consumption, unprocessed food, herbs and spices, table salt, sweeteners, chewing gum, small producer and hand-made food products. In addition, alcoholic beverages over 1.2% alcohol content are not subject to mandatory nutritional labeling either.