

EU food information rules – recent developments

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Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011

- Holistic approach to food information
- Response to consumer needs for user friendly and meaningful information
- Harmonised rules for internal market
- Open to new technology and challenges, frame for voluntary information
- Smooth entry into application, nutrition information to follow in December 2016





Major new elements

- Broader scope food/ mass caterers
- Information in case of distance selling
- Responsibilities of food business operators
- Room for mandatory information via modern technology in future
- Improved legibility of mandatory information
- Allergen information improvements





In particular: origin labelling

- Mandatory meat other than beef
- Regarding extension reports on:
 - Meat as an ingredient
 - Milk/ dairy products, minor meats
 - Single ingredient products, unprocessed foods
- Voluntary information frame/ implementing rules under preparation
- Scope for national measures





Reports - implementation

- Report on trans fats
- Report on alcoholic beverages
- Implementation: Commission/ Member States, guidance documents (general questions, allergen labelling, QUID...), expert groups, trainings





Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 on nutrition and health claims

- REFIT evaluation:
 - Nutrient profiles
 - Botanicals
 - Timeline: external study, feedback and finalisation during 2017
 - Results could also inform wider evaluation of the application of the Regulation







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