

Proposal P1037 Amendments associated with Nutrition Content & Health Claims

General Procedure

The NSW Food Authority, along with the NSW Ministry of Health, supports the proposed changes outlined in P1037 to address inconsistencies with existing requirements in the Code.

We also strongly support the proposal to exempt the voluntary Health Star Rating (HSR) system's labelling elements from the requirements for claims in the Code. The HSR system is voluntary and not having the exemption would result in greater labelling requirements and cost to industry, thus deterrence to implementation of the system by industry. This would go against the purpose of voluntary HSR system, that being to provide an easy way to compare packaged foods and help consumer make healthier food choices and encourage uptake by industry.

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The views expressed in this submission may or may not accord with those of other NSW Government agencies. The NSW Food Authority has a policy which encourages the full range of NSW agency views to be submitted during the standards development stages before final assessment. Other relevant NSW Government agencies are aware of and agree with this policy.