

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING

Request for information on the labelling of prepackaged foods in joint presentation and prepackaged multi-packaged foods
European Union Comments on CL 2022/10-FL

Mixed Competence European Union Vote

The European Union and its Member States (EUMS) would like to thank Colombia for the preparation of the questions in the Appendix to CL-2022/10-FL.

I. GENERAL

1. *In your country/region, are prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format defined separately from prepackaged foods? If so, how is it defined? If you do not have a definition, please indicate that in your response.*

No, they are not defined separately.

2. *Is labelling for prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format specified in your country/region's current /food labelling regulation?*

~~Yes. Which products are regulated?~~

No

Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers¹ does not contain any specific labelling provisions for prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format sold to the final consumer, the general provisions of the Regulation being applicable also to these foods.

3. *Additional comments are welcome on experiences from your national governments on proposing, implementing or enforcing regulations on the labelling of prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format. (i.e. challenges faced)*
4. *Additional comments are also welcome on experiences and challenges by your industry on implementing or applying regulations on labelling of prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format.*

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02011R1169-20180101&from=EN>

II. SCOPE

5. *In your opinion, does the scope of the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) include prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format? Please explain your answer.*

Yes

The EUMS consider that the Codex *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (CXS 1-1985) provides labelling requirements that apply to all prepackaged foods to be offered as such to the consumer, whether offered in individual packages or in joint presentations or multipack formats.

The EUMS would like to highlight in particular following parts of the *General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods* (GSLPF) that could be of interest for foods offered in joint presentations or multipack formats:

“ 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

[...]

“Container” means any packaging of food for delivery as a single item, whether by completely or partially enclosing the food and includes wrappers. A container may enclose several units or types of packages when such is offered to the consumer.”

~~No~~

6. *If you answered “No” to Question 5, please explain how you think the scope of the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) should be amended or adjusted to include prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format.*

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

7. *In your opinion, are specific definitions for prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format needed in the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) for international food trade? Please explain your answer.*

~~Yes~~

No

8. *Colombia suggests including the following in the “Definition of Terms” section of the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) as proposed in CX/FL 21/46/11, Appendix I, 2.2 Definition of Terms:*

*[“**Multipack**”: Secondary packaging of sale, printed or transparent, specially designed to contain and exhibit a certain number of units of the same or different products, each unit contained must be individually labelled. Optionally it could contain a promotional object (which can be a food or other element).*

“Joint presentation”: *Is one that contains two or more units of products of different nature, prepackaged individually and jointly labelled (they have a single label that relates the foods that compose it), which are complemented or mixed for consumption.]*

If you answered “Yes” to question 7, please indicate whether you agree with the definitions that are proposed. If you do not agree, please suggest adjustments as you see fit.

IV. THE NAME OF THE FOOD

9. *Regarding paragraph 4.1 (“Name of the food”) of the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985): do you believe these requirements apply to prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format? Please explain your answer.*

Yes

The EUMS consider that the Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CXS 1-1985) provides labelling requirements, including those of paragraph 4.1, that apply to all prepackaged foods to be offered as such to the consumer, whether offered in individual packages or in joint presentations or multipack formats (see further explanations under question 5).

No

10. *If you answered “No” to question 9: what requirements should be added to paragraph 4.1 (“Name of the food”) of the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) in order to include prepackaged foods in joint presentation or multipack format?*

V. OTHER

11. *Are there other gaps in the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) with respect to labelling foods in joint presentation or multipack format?*

No

12. *What are other sections in the GSLPF (CXS 1-1985) that may require clarification and interpretation with respect to labelling foods in joint presentation or multipack format?*

None