



FOP nutrition labelling, criteria & FIC Regulation

**SANTE.E1 – Food information and
composition, food waste**

FOP NUTRITION LABELLING & EU REGULATIONS

✓ *Voluntary*

✓ *Two Types*

- Additional forms of expression and/or presentation of the nutrition declaration (**Art 35 FIC Regulation**)
- **Other FOP labels** (out of scope Art 35)
 - Voluntary information (Art 36 FIC Regulation)
 - Nutrition claims (Regulation (EU) 1924/2006)

✓ *Criteria*

- **General criteria:** shall not mislead the consumer; shall not be ambiguous or confusing for the consumer; shall be based on relevant scientific data
- **Specific criteria:** for Art 35 additional forms

DEVELOPMENT OF FOP SCHEMES : POTENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND FURTHER DISCUSSION

(a) they are based on scientifically valid **consumer research** and do **not mislead** the consumer (Art 7 Fair information practices)

✓ *Coherence with conditions of use of corresponding nutrition claim?*

(c) they aim to **facilitate** consumer **understanding of the contribution or importance of the food** to the energy and nutrient content of a diet

✓ *Provide clear picture of nutritional importance of food in diet?*

✓ *Allow for product comparison? Within food categories? With other food categories?*

(d) they are supported by scientifically valid **evidence of understanding** of such forms by the **average consumer**

✓ *Average consumer in MS and/or EU?*

✓ *Research across socio-economic groups and education levels?*

✓ *Potential topics of research (appreciation, interpretation, impact...)?*

✓ *Research on actual performance scheme ?*

(b) their development is the result of **consultation** with a wide range of stakeholder groups

- ✓ *Consultation in MS and/or EU?*
- ✓ *Interested parties: authorities, consumers, NGOs, FBO, academia...?*
- ✓ *Type of consultation process (roundtable, public consultation...)?*

(e) other forms of expression are based on harmonised RI or in their absence on generally accepted **scientific advice on intakes** for energy or nutrients

(f) they are **objective and non-discriminatory**

- ✓ *Input from scientific experts? Correlation between scheme and nutritional recommendations?*
- ✓ *Objective information allowing to (accurately) assess and/or compare?*
- ✓ *Transparency of scheme / qualifiers?*
- ✓ *Specific nutritional criteria for different food categories?*

(g) their application does **not create obstacles to the free movement** of goods

- ✓ *Art 34 – 36 TFEU*
- ✓ *Voluntary scheme*