

Report of the 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

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The 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling was held at Quebec City Convention Centre in Quebec, Canada from 3 to 7 May 2010. The Session was attended by 251 delegates representing 61 member countries, one member organization (EU) and 25 international organizations. ILSI delegation was represented by four industry members from ILSI Japan. The summary and conclusions of the Session are as follows.

The Committee endorsed:

- the labelling provisions in several Draft Standards, thereby allowing their adoption by the Commission.

The Committee agreed:

- to advance to Step 5/8 Proposed Draft Amendment (new section 4 on Principles and criteria for legibility of nutrition labeling) to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985);
- to advance to Step 5 Proposed Draft Revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985) concerning the list of nutrients that are always declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis;
- to retain at Step 7 the Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex I and also agreed to create an electronic working group for a more structured approach for the review of the Guidelines;
- to return to Step 6 the Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Definitions and to return to Step 3 the Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Food and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering;
- to start new works on organic aquaculture, a definition for Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) and on the establishment of claims for sugars, salt/sodium and trans-fatty acids.