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Agenda Item 5.2, 6, 7

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(Comments from Russian Federation)

Agenda Item 5.2: Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling

The Russian Federation believes that PAL is a critical communication for people with all kinds of food allergy. That is why do not consider it necessary to highlight coeliac disease in the proposed draft revision.

At the same time, we noticed that the current version of the document does not exclude the parallel use of the caution “contains wheat” and “gluten-free” label which may confuse consumers.

Agenda Item 6: Guidelines on the provision of food information for pre-packaged foods to be offered via e-commerce

In paragraph 5 *FOOD INFORMATION PRINCIPLES*, p. 5.1 the Russian Federation supports option b) It is encouraged that an indication of the minimum number of days the product will be delivered to the final consumer before the “Use-by Date”, “Expiration Date”, “Best-Before Date” or “Best Quality Before Date” be provided’.

Agenda Item 7: Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling

The Russian Federation does not support the inclusion of the word “audible” in section 7.10. We are of the view that the information is to be provided in the written form and should not be replaced with audio format. Such a replacement is contradictory to the core principle of labelling.