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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS (CXS 1-1985)- PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO JOINT PRESENTATION AND MULTIPACK FORMATS

(prepared by Codex Secretariat)

(Additions are shown as **bold and underlined** and deletions are shown as ~~strike through~~)

Please note that these changes are highlighted in comparison to the GSLPF.

2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

"Container" means any packaging of food for delivery **to the consumer** 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.~~ **of the same or different nature to be consumed together (joint presentation) or separately (multipack).**

4. MANDATORY LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS

4.3.4. In addition to the declaration of the net content, in the case of food packaged in multipack format, the net content of each unit and the number of units per type of food shall be indicated (Example: 600 ml (3 units of 200 ml)).

8. PRESENTATION OF MANDATORY INFORMATION

8.1.3 Where the container is covered by an **opaque** wrapper, the wrapper shall carry the necessary **mandatory label** information ~~or the label on the container shall be readily legible through the outer~~ **of the unit(s) inside. If the wrapper or not obscured by is transparent, it: must be easily readable.**

8.1.3.1 When the packer of the product in joint presentation or multipack formats is different from the manufacturer, packer, importer or exporter of the products inside, such packer name and address be included in the wrapper.

8.1.3.2 The date marking on foods packaged in joint presentations and/or in multipack formats whose wrapper is opaque, shall be that of the product with the date closest to its completion. This does not exempt each of the units inside it from having its respective date marking.