

**NO. 0707**

**SALE OF FOOD ITEMS BEARING NUTRITION AND HEALTH CLAIMS**

The Food Safety Commission through the Department for Environmental Health within the Public Health Regulation Division notifies the general public, but in particular traders of food products, that foods bearing nutrition and health claims on their labels will not be permitted for sale after 31st July 2009 unless they satisfy the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) 1924/2006.

Products which do not satisfy all the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1924/2006 and still on the market after the 31st of July 2009 are to be relabelled according to the said regulation or withdrawn from the market by the Trader.

Traders of food products bearing nutrition and health claims on their label are reminded that such products have to be notified with the Malta Standards Authority as required by Legal Notice 84 of 2008, Nutrition and Health Claims Regulations, 2008. Unless fully compliant with the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1924/2006, products bearing Nutrition and Health Claims are not to be advertised on any of the local media.

The Food Safety Commission notifies that with immediate effect importation of products bearing Nutrition and Health claims have to satisfy all the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1924/2006.

In case of any further queries, consumers are being requested to contact the Department for Environmental Health on Tel No. 21324092 between 08:00hrs and 14:00hrs.

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