



**ISDI COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED DRAFT ADDITIONAL OR REVISED NUTRIENT
REFERENCE VALUES FOR LABELLING PURPOSES IN THE CODEX
GUIDELINES ON NUTRITION LABELLING at Step 4
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The International Special Dietary Foods Industries (ISDI) represents at Codex Alimentarius the manufacturers of special dietary foods and has been actively involved in the development of relevant Codex standards and guidelines. ISDI is especially interested in contributing to work that is related to nutrition products for infants and young children. Within this context, ISDI expresses its interest in participating in the ongoing efforts led by the delegation of South Korea to update the *Proposed Draft Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labelling Purposes in the Codex Guidelines on Nutritional Labelling*.

During the 30th session of CCNFSDU (see Alinorm 09/32/26 par. 122), it was agreed that an electronic working group led by South Korea would prepare a revised version for circulation for comments and consideration by the next session of the Committee. Within this context, ISDI would like to provide comments, as summarised and explained below.

SUMMARY

1. Given its interest in securing the health of all infants and young children, ISDI supports discussion on the need to revise nutrient reference values for labelling purposes in the Codex guidelines on nutrition labelling.
2. ISDI considers that in order to address the specific nutritional needs of different target populations, separate NRVs should be established for infants aged over 6 months and for young children aged 1-3 years.
3. ISDI suggests including a definition of NRV in Section 2 “Definitions” of the Codex Guidelines of Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985).
4. ISDI is committed to collaborate in developing updated NRVs based on the most current science related to nutrient recommendations for the target populations.

EXPLANATION OF THE COMMENTS

During the 30th session of CCNFSDU in Cape Town in 2008, the proposal elaborated by South Korea on the revision of nutrient reference values for labelling purposes in the Codex guidelines on nutritional labelling was discussed (see Alinorm 09/32/26, par. 103-122).

ISDI agrees that in the establishment of Codex Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) for labelling purposes for vitamins and minerals for the general population, the target group should be identified as individuals older than 36 months. We have no further comments on the principles and levels laid out for the general population at this time in the process.

Additionally, ISDI considers that in order to address the specific nutritional needs of different target populations, separate NRVs should be established for infants aged over 6 months and for young children aged 1-3 years. Indeed, due to the specific dietary and nutritional needs of infants aged over 6 months and young children aged 1–3 years, it is necessary to address separately the NRVs for both target populations.

Furthermore, for consistency and clarity about the purpose of NRV, ISDI suggests including a definition of NRV in Section 2 “Definitions” of the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985).

Given its interest in securing the health of all infants and young children, ISDI supports the revision of the current NRVs and is committed to collaborate in these discussions.