

To: Interested Parties

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Reference: NIP 642

**Commission Working Paper for a Proposal Amending Directive 90/496/EEC
Nutrition Labelling of Foodstuffs**

Dear Sir/Madam

As indicated in our consultation letter of 10 March 2008 on amending Directive 90/496/EEC Nutrition Labelling of Foodstuffs, the Commission has issued an updated version of the working paper detailing some proposed amendments (attached).

For ease of reference we have highlighted the differences between the two working documents at Annex A. If you have already responded to the consultation and now feel you want to make additional comments, please send us an addendum to your original response.

A copy of this consultation letter/package will be available on our website at <http://www.food.gov.uk/consultations/#consultni>, within the next day, and a summary of the responses received will be published within 3 months of the closing date of the consultation.

To allow you time to consider the amendments we are extending the consultation period by 1 week. **Responses are now required by 21 April 2008.** We will not be able to offer extensions beyond this date on account of the Commission's deadline for comments.

Yours faithfully



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Annex A

Detailed list of changes to Commission Proposal Amending Directive 90/496/EEC Nutrition Labelling of Foodstuffs

Recitals:

(4) Editing amendment in second line of sentence.

(5) Text inserted into the last sentence:

'...the definition of fibre should include carbohydrate polymers with one or more beneficial physiological effects.'

(6) Text inserted into last sentence:

'These substances when closely associated with carbohydrate polymers of plant origin and extracted with the carbohydrate polymers for analysis of fibre should be considered as fibre. However when extracted and added to a food they should not be defined as dietary fibre.'

(9) Editing amendment in first and second line of sentence.

(11) Text inserted at end of paragraph:

'The purpose of this RDA list is to provide values for nutrition labelling and the calculation of what constitutes a significant amount.'

(15) Editing amendment in second line of statement.

Articles

Article 2.2 Timeframe of 4 years inserted by which time products that do not comply with the provisions are to be prohibited.

Annex

Unit of measurement for Biotin amended to µg to correct typographical error.