

December 10, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., MP, Prime Minister
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Sent by email to: pm@pm.gc.ca; hcmiinister.ministresc@hc-sc.gc.ca

Subject: Timely Implementation of Front-of-Package Nutrition Labelling Regulations

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Minister Michel,

We, the undersigned health organizations and health professional associations, write to convey our strong support for the anticipated implementation of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling regulations set for January 1, 2026. We applaud the government's leadership in advancing this long-awaited public health measure and encourage you to proceed confidently with its implementation regardless of any potential last-minute delay tactics from the packaged food industry.

In Canada, the packaged food industry was given three and half years to prepare for these changes. This is far more than the one to two years that has typically been provided to industry to prepare for nutrition labelling updates in other jurisdictions such as Mexico, Chile, and the United States. This is also ample time for companies to make changes to packaging and to reformulate their products if they want to avoid a label. The good news is that many companies in Canada have already begun implementing the new labelling, well in advance of the January 1, 2026, deadline.

Canada's adoption of evidence-based front-of-package nutrition labelling regulations reflects a strong commitment to protecting the health of its citizens, recognizing that public health is essential for maintaining a productive and resilient workforce and economy. This initiative not only aligns Canada with global health recommendations to reduce diet-related chronic diseases but also positions our country among other nations in implementing best practices in public health.

Together, we urge your government to maintain its well-considered course and implement the front-of-pack nutrition labelling regulations as planned by January 1, 2026. Your decisive action will ensure people in Canada have the tools to make healthier choices and live healthier lives, ultimately reducing healthcare costs and improving productivity.

Respectfully,

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