Activities and Results regarding Legal Labelling Requirements in the Fruit & Vegetables Sector

GS1 in Europe Fruit & Vegetables Group

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• The Fruit & Vegetable sector has made a clear decision to adopt the GS1 Standards to improve the efficiency of the supply chain.

• The Fruit & Vegetable business is not a national, but a global business with suppliers from all parts of the world, which need to make efficient trade.

• There is a need to build a common European framework to ensure alignment in the implementation of GS1 Standards and avoid divergences in the deployment of the GS1 System:
  - Common European platform to gather and share European requirements
  - One European voice in global standardisation and coordination.
  - Participation of industry (Producer, supplier, retailer) and associations (GS1, FruglCom, IFPS etc.).
  - Common implementation guidelines across Europe, based on Global results.
Roadmap & Areas covered

- Aligned Roadmap with GS1 Global Fresh Food Group covering:
  - Global Product Classification (GPC)
  - Product Identification (GTIN)
  - Location Identification (GLN)
  - Master Data Alignment (GDSN) – work in progress
  - **Labelling and Labelling Requirements** – work in progress
  - Traceability
Basis for Legal Labelling Requirements in Europe

- EU Regulation 543/2011 (Marketing Regulation for Fruit & Vegetables)
- EU Regulation 1169/2011 (EU Food Information Regulation)
- Other relevant Regulations.

- ... and interpretations in the countries.
Methodology

• Distinguish between:
  - Consumer Units and Trade Units
  - Unprocessed and Processed
  - Loose, prepacked

• Topics to be covered:
  - Description, General, Nature of produce = Regulated product name, Language,
  - Minimum Fontsize, Country of Origin, Identification of packer or other relevant parties,
  - Quantity: Net content expressed as count or net weight,
  - Best Before Date / Expiry Date, Production/Lot number, List of Ingredients, Allergenic declaration
  - Declaration of nutritional value, Additives including waxes, Post Harvest Treatment
  - Protective Atmosphere, Product dependent information requirements

• Clear guidance with reference to the relevant regulation.
The Result

Legal Requirements for Labels on Fruit & Vegetables
Guideline on legal requirements for consumer units and trade units in the European Union

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Thank you very much!

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