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4.7.1 Hong Kong Food Labeling Guidelines (2007) (draft)

Under the draft voluntary guidelines products carrying "GM free" claim will be subject to random GM testings. Zero tolerance approach will be adopted for "GM free" claimed products.

The draft guideline is based on the following four principles and the final version is not expected to deviate from these principles.

- (a) The labeling of GM food will comply with the existing food legislation.
- (b) The threshold level applied in the guideline for labeling purpose is 5 per cent, in respect of individual food ingredient.
- (c) Additional declaration on the food label is recommended when significant modifications of the food, e.g. composition, nutrition value, level of anti-nutritional factors, natural toxicant, presence of allergen, intended use, introduction of an animal gene, etc, have taken place.
- (d) Negative labeling is not recommended.

The guidelines is advisory in nature and has no legal effect. Adoption is entirely voluntary and is not binding. It applies to prepackaged food.

Source:

1. <http://www.fehd.gov.hk/safefood/gmf/pamphlets/labelGMF.pdf>;
accessed on 16 October 2007
2. USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, GAIN Report HK6015 Hong Kong Biotechnology Annual (2006). (Available on [http://www.stat-usa.gov/agworld.nsf/505c55d16b88351a852567010058449b/23961623de089dfa852571ce00632a42/\\$FILE/HK6015.PDF](http://www.stat-usa.gov/agworld.nsf/505c55d16b88351a852567010058449b/23961623de089dfa852571ce00632a42/$FILE/HK6015.PDF);
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