Basic information

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Authorisation and refusal of authorisation of certain health claims made on foods and referring to children's development and health See also 2003/0165(COD) **Subject** 3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation 4.20.05 Health legislation and policy 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3080	2011-03-31

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
20/01/2011	Non-legislative basic document published	D012200/02	Summary
02/02/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/04/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/04/2011	Decision by Parliament		Summary
21/04/2011	Delegated act not objected by Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/2549(RPS)
Procedure type	RPS - Implementing acts

Procedure subtype	Comitology with scrutiny
Amendments and repeals	See also 2003/0165(COD)
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure rejected
Committee dossier	ENVI/7/05191

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B7-0227/2011	25/03/2011	

European Commission

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Authorisation and refusal of authorisation of certain health claims made on foods and referring to children's development and health

2011/2549(RPS) - 20/01/2011 - Non-legislative basic document

This draft Commission Regulation concerns the **authorisation and refusal of authorisation of certain health claims** made on foods and referring to children's development and health.

Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 health claims made on foods are prohibited unless they are authorised by the Commission in accordance with that Regulation and included in a list of permitted claims.

Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 also provides that applications for authorisations of health claims may be submitted by food business operators to the national competent authority of a Member State. The national competent authority is to forward valid applications to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The Authority is to inform without delay the other Member States and the Commission of the application, and to deliver an opinion on a health claim concerned.

The eight opinions referred to in this Regulation are related to applications for health claims referring to the effects of essential fatty acids on children’s development and health, as referred to in Article 14(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006. The draft Regulation intends to include the health claims listed in Annex I (permitted health claims) to this Regulation may be made on foods on the European Union market in compliance with the conditions laid down in that Annex. The following health claims should be included in the Union list of permitted claims referred Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006:

- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) intake contributes to the normal visual development of infants up to 12 months of age;
- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) maternal intake contributes to the normal development of the eye of the foetus and breastfed infants;
- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) maternal intake contributes to the normal brain development of the foetus and breastfed infants.

The Commission proposes that the following health claims be **rejected**:

- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and arachidonic acid (ARA) contribute to the optimal brain development of infants and young children;
- Lipil® contributes to optimal brain development of infants and young children;
- Enfamil® Premium contributes to optimal brain development of infants and young children.

Authorisation and refusal of authorisation of certain health claims made on foods and referring to children's development and health

2011/2549(RPS) - 31/03/2011

The Council decided not to oppose the adoption of a Commission regulation on the authorisation and refusal of certain health claims made on foods and referring to children’s development and health.

The draft Commission regulation is subject to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny. This means that now that the Council has given its consent, the Commission may adopt it, unless the European Parliament objects.