Nutritional & Health Claims



What is it?

- Nutritional & health claims = Claims towards the nutritional composition and potential health contributions
- Nutritional claim:
 - Describes special or advantageous nutritional properties of a food prodcut
 - Ex: "low fat", "sugar free", ...
- Health claim
 - Describes connection between the product and health
 - Ex: "Calcium is needed to maintain normal bones".

Why use it?

- Social: Reduction of diet-related diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular diseases
- Marketing: promotional measure to differentiate from competing products
- Free: no user fees
- Disadvantage: adaptation of the recipe often necessary
- The claim should match the product category → e.g. low in fat for gummies is not very advantageous as nearly all are low in fat

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How does Nutritional Claim work?

- Statements indicating particularly advantageous nutritional properties
- Refer to
 - Energy/calories
 - Fat
 - Sugar
 - ..

How does Health Claim work?

- Statements indicating health benefits from consumption of the food
- Only permissible after successful completion of an approval procedure
 → reviewed by EFSA
- Some health claims are included in a <u>positive list</u> and can be used generally if fulfilled
- Positive list applies to many dietary fibers, minerals and vitamins, among others.



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