

Health Canada Announces Front-of-Package (FOP) Nutrition Symbol Labelling

Does this impact the GTIN Management Standard?

As long as the product remains exactly the same and only the packaging has changed to contain the new FOP symbol, it **does not** require the assignment of a new GTIN.

Background

On July 20, 2022, Health Canada published the *Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Nutrition Symbols, Other Labelling Provisions, Vitamin D and Hydrogenated Fats or Oils)* in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II (CGII). These regulations amend the *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR) to add a new requirement for front-of-package (FOP) nutrition symbol labelling (FOP labelling) for most prepackaged products containing nutrients of public health concern (saturated fat, sugars and/or sodium) at or above specified thresholds. The FOP nutrition symbol (the symbol) will help Canadians to more easily identify foods high in these nutrients. Avoiding excess consumption of these nutrients can help reduce associated health risks.



Links:

- [Front-of-package nutrition symbol labelling guide for industry](#)
- [GS1 GTIN Management Standard](#)
- [GTIN Management Standards Guideline - Grocery](#)
- [GS1 GTIN Management Decision Support Tool](#)