

FDA Indefinitely Delays Final Nutrition Facts Label Regulation

LABEL CHANGES ARE MEANT TO IMPROVE CONSUMERS' INFORMED NUTRITION CHOICES

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 13, 2017 – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced today that it is postponing the implementation of the final regulation to update the Nutrition Facts label. The regulation applies to nutrition information that appears on most packaged foods, beverages and supplements. The final regulation was set to take effect for large companies in July 2018 and for small companies the following year. The FDA has not announced a new implementation date.

A statement from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) follows:

"We're concerned that the FDA's indefinite delay of the updated Nutrition Facts label will weaken consumers' ability to make nutritious food and beverage choices for themselves and their families.

"Presenting easy to understand nutrition information is critical to improving overall public health and reducing the risk of more than 13 types of obesity-related cancer. We urge the FDA to reconsider the implementation dates."

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