

Consultation Information Note

Topic: Proposed Mandatory Calorie Posting on Menus

Start date of consultation: Tuesday, 6th October 2015

Closing date of consultation: Wednesday, 28th October 2015

Consultation details:

The Department of Health is seeking views on the introduction of mandatory posting of calorie information on menus. The consultation is based on the Government's proposed Health & Wellbeing Bill, which makes provision for the introduction of mandatory calorie posting on menus.

The objective of the Bill, when enacted, is to provide consumers of non-prepacked food with information on the energy content of food by providing calorie information on menus at the point of choice/purchase. It will apply to non-pre-packed food which is served by food business operators for immediate consumption on or off premises e.g. meals served in a restaurant.

The proposed Bill will apply to food business operators regardless of the size of the business, type of food on offer for sale, type of ownership or location.

As part of this consultation, the Department of Health is seeking opinions on specific aspects of the proposed legislation and its implementation e.g. how to calculate the energy content (calorie) of foods offered to consumers, displaying information on 'self-serve' food, menu specials and loose food such as sandwich fillings served in delis.

The consultation is in the form of an online questionnaire and is being hosted on the website of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland on behalf of the Department of Health. It can be accessed at: www.fsai.ie/consultations/

The consultation will close at 5pm on Wednesday, 28th October 2015. If you have any queries on accessing the consultation, please contact us via:

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