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Report Highlights:

Health Canada opened pre-consultations on a proposed new regulatory framework for foods for special dietary use and infant foods, which include categories such as infant formula, prepackaged human milk, medical foods, gluten-free foods, formulated nutritional foods, and foods for use in weight reduction diets. Stakeholders may provide comments until February 6, 2024.

The federal government [seeks input](#) on a proposal to modernize Divisions 24 and 25 of the [Food and Drug Regulations](#) (FDR), which cover foods for special dietary use, and foods for infants in Canada. The regulatory modernization [proposal](#) is intended as a comprehensive restructuring of the regulatory requirements for these types of foods.

An essential element of the proposal is the introduction of a new category of foods called **Foods for a Special Dietary Purpose** (FSDP). The regulatory initiative would establish a clear differentiation between products that meet the definition of FSDP and those that do not, so that FSDP become subject to enhanced regulatory oversight, including premarket authorization for most infant FSDP, and stop-sale provisions for public health reasons.

Additionally, compositional requirements - both for products that are FSDP and those that are not - would be updated to reflect the latest Dietary Reference Intakes. The proposal also aims to improve product labelling by requiring detailed information on FSDP labels for safe use, and differentiation from products that are not FSDP.

Please refer to the Infographic on the next page for a comparison between the current and proposed regulatory frameworks.

Interested stakeholders are strongly encouraged to review Canada's new proposed regulatory framework and to provide comments, **before February 6, 2024**, at the following coordinates:

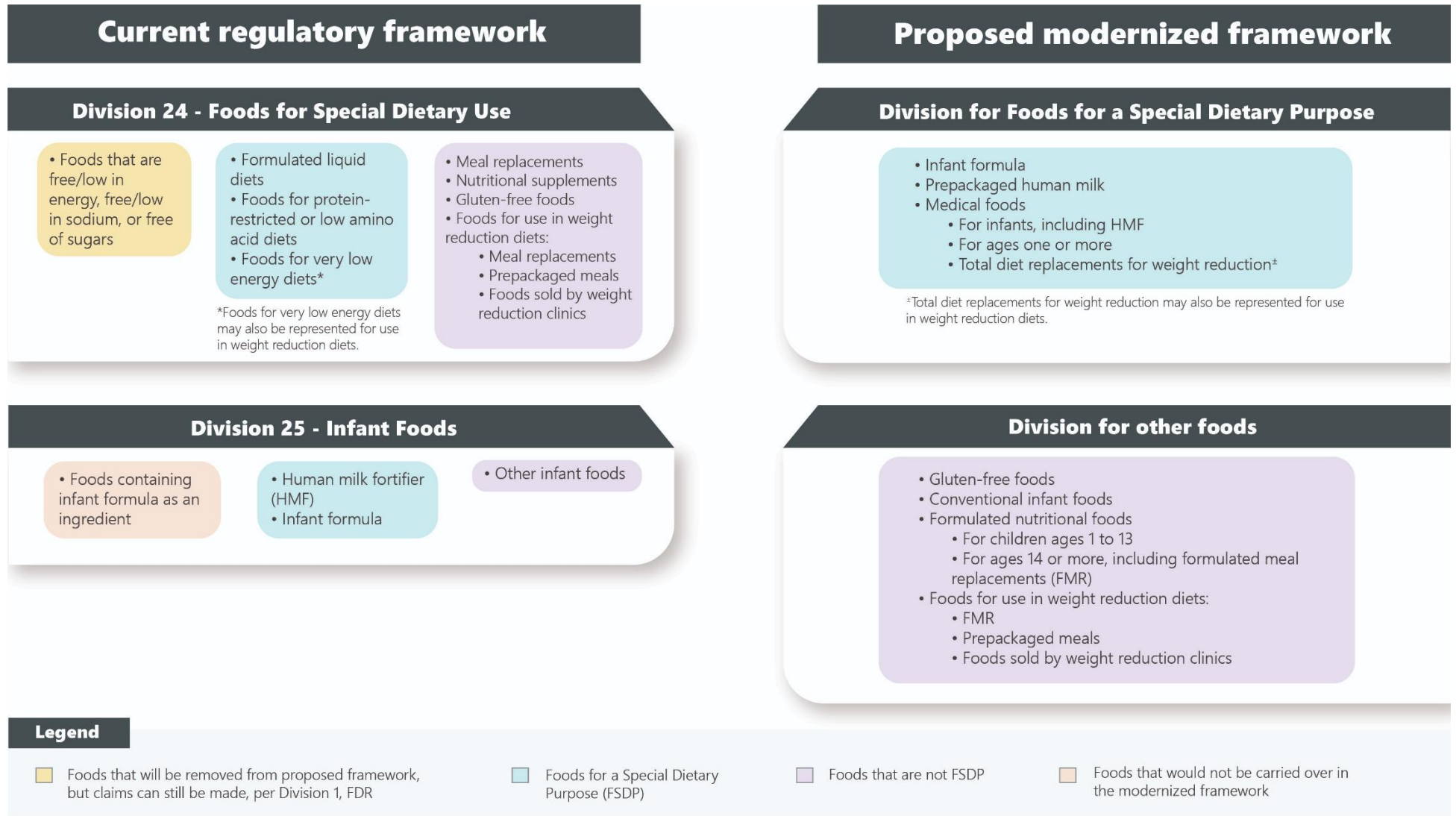
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Infographic: Health Canada's Current Regulatory and Proposed Modernized Regulatory Frameworks

(Divisions 24 and 25 refer to sections in Canada's [Food and Drug Regulations](#))



Source: Health Canada's [consultation document](#)