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Report Highlights:

On December 13, 2022, Colombia's Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MINHEALTH) issued Resolution 2492 of 2022, an amendment of Resolution 810 of 2021 that establishes new front-of-pack label requirements, nutrition profiles, and additional definitions for sweeteners, ultra-processed food, minimally processed food, food products without processing, and processed food products. Resolution 2492 requires implementation within six months following its date of publication in Colombia's Official Gazette (December 14, 2022). Holders of a permit, registry, or sanitary notification that have already implemented the provisions set in Resolution 810, and those who continue complying with Resolution 333 of 2011, should file a request with the Colombian National Institute for the Surveillance of Medications and Food Products (INVIMA) for the depletion of labels before February 28, 2023 (see email in report). This report includes the original regulation and an English translation.

Executive Summary:

On December 13, 2022, Colombia's Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MINHEALTH) issued Resolution 2492, amending Articles 2, 3, 16, 25, 32, 37 and 40 of [Resolution 810 of 2021](#). Resolution 2492 is considered MINHEALTH's implementation of [Law 2120 of 2021](#), which issued new front-of-pack labeling requirements for retail ready products in Colombia. Law 2120 is widely known throughout Colombia as the "Junk Food" bill (see [GAIN Report CO 2022-0008](#)).

Among the changes, Resolution 2492 established new requirements for the amount, size, and shape of front-of-pack labels (stop-sign shapes, see Figure 1), nutrition profiles suggested by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and additional definitions for sweeteners, ultra-processed food, minimally processed food, food products without processing, and processed food products.



Figure 1. New warning labels under Resolution 2492 of 2022

In addition, processed or ultra-processed food that contain any amount of sweeteners will be subject to front-of-pack labels, as will processed or ultra-processed products containing excess of added sugars, sodium/salt, saturated fats and trans fats. Likewise, the new regulation states that a product containing one or more front-of pack labels cannot make health claims on the product.

Exhaustion of Current Labels:

In addition, Resolution 2492 says that the holders of a permit, registry or sanitary notification that have already implemented the provisions set in Resolution 810 of 2021, and those who continue complying with Resolution 333 of 2011, should file a request with the Colombian National Institute for the Surveillance of Medications and Food Products (INVIMA) for the depletion of labels before February 28, 2023. The period for the exhaustion of current labels will be defined by INVIMA. The companies interested to file this request are advised to contact the Directorate of Food and Drinks at INVIMA (Carlos Robles, Director of Food and Drinks. Email: croblesc@invima.gov.co).

For imported products, provided that the importer is a holder of a Sanitary Inspection Certificate issued by INVIMA, the use of a complementary label that complies with the rules set forth in Resolution 2492 and Resolution 810 will be allowed. This complementary label may be affixed before, during or after the nationalization process and, in all cases, before the commercialization of product, and must be attached

in a visible place. The use of stickers is permanently permitted in the case of warning symbols and without INVIMA's authorization.

Resolution 2492 of 2022, as well the requirements in Resolution 810 of 2021, will be implemented within six months following the date of publication of Resolution 2492 in the Official Gazette of Colombia (December 14, 2022). A mandatory recall of non-compliant products will be applied on or before June 15, 2024, regardless of the product's date of manufacture or commercialization of packing.

Disclaimer: The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture contracted a third party to translate this regulation to English.

Attachments:

[\(FOPL\)Resolution 2492 of 2022 English.pdf](#)

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