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## **FEDIOL statement on the implementation of the revised algorithm of the Nutriscore**

FEDIOL is the European federation representing the interests of the European vegetable oil and protein meal industry. Directly and indirectly, FEDIOL covers about 150 processing sites that crush oilseeds and/or refine crude vegetable oils. These plants belong to around 35 companies. It is estimated that over 80% of the EU crushing and refining activity is covered by the FEDIOL membership structure.

FEDIOL has been following the developments of the Nutriscore system and its uptake outside the French territory, moving into a transnational system in the past years. Back in 2019, FEDIOL assessed the Nutriscore<sup>1</sup> and what it meant for bottled vegetable oils and fats. With the opportunity offered to provide comments on the Nutriscore algorithm, FEDIOL worked on a detailed dossier<sup>2</sup> and submitted it to the Nutriscore Steering Committee in June 2021.

In July 2022, a report of the Nutriscore Scientific Committee endorsed modifications of the Nutriscore algorithm for the "fats, oils, nuts and seeds" category. Based on such modifications, vegetable oils and fats can now range between "B" and "E" instead of "C" to "E". It modifies the score of some vegetable oils and fats considering their "lower" content in saturated fat. It means in practice that some vegetable oils will now be "B" instead of "C", and "C" instead of "D". This is for example the case of rapeseed oil, soybean oil, olive oil or sunflower oil. FEDIOL issued a position on the revised Nutriscore in November 2022<sup>3</sup>.

As mentioned in several press releases issued by countries implementing the Nutriscore<sup>4</sup> in April 2023, the intention of the Nutriscore transnational body is to implement the revised algorithm by end 2023, once all the national laws of such countries would have been modified. It also leaves 2 years for Food Business Operators already applying the Nutriscore to comply with the revised Nutriscore.

**FEDIOL would therefore like to encourage the use of the revised Nutriscore, both for own labels and for private brands, as soon as possible as from end**

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<sup>1</sup> FEDIOL position on Nutriscore, 19NUT079, 9 April 2019. [https://www.fediol.eu/data/19NUT079\\_FEDIOL\\_position\\_on\\_Nutriscore\\_-\\_9\\_April\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fediol.eu/data/19NUT079_FEDIOL_position_on_Nutriscore_-_9_April_2019.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> FEDIOL dossier available publicly on the website of the Belgian Public Health, security of the food chain and environment <https://www.health.belgium.be/en/fediol-position-towards-adapted-nutriscore-bottled-vegetable-oils-and-fats>; <https://www.health.belgium.be/en/annex-2-fediol-request-adjustments-nutriscore-bottled-vegetable-oils-and-fats>; <https://www.health.belgium.be/en/annex-3-fediol-request-adjustments-nutriscore-bottled-vegetable-oils-and-fats>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fediol.eu/data/22NUT324%20FEDIOL%20position%20on%20revised%20Nutriscore%20-%202021%20November%202022.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> See for example press releases issued in [Belgium](#) or [France](#).

**2023, whilst considering the practical feasibility (label stocks, other labelling changed, etc.) and timing inherent to each company. FEDIOL indeed considers that the revised range of "B" to "E" reflects more accurately the recognised nutritional benefits of vegetable oils and fats. To provide consumers with this more accurate information, FEDIOL therefore further encourages changing labels reflecting the revised Nutriscore as soon as feasible as from the beginning of 2024 and not wait until the end of the foreseen 2-years transitory period.**

**FEDIOL would however like to add that the above document should not be construed as an endorsement of the Nutriscore in the context of the revision of Regulation (EU) no 1169/2011 on food information to consumers. FEDIOL has a clear position on the subject, which is further detailed [here](#) and is awaiting the Commission's proposal for an harmonized EU front of pack nutritional labelling.**

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