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The 45th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL45) is expected to make important progress on two international food "standards" on (i) guidelines for countries and business operators on minimum labelling requirements for food and food ingredients subject to business-to-business international trade and (ii) long-awaited guidelines on the common aspects of national regulation and standards and their private counterparts on front-of-pack nutrition labelling systems. CCFL45 is also set to discuss future works in six new areas: (i) revamp of current Codex alimentarius requirements (and exemptions) of allergen labelling; (ii) labelling requirements for all types foods (including food/dietary supplements subject to internet sale and e-commerce; (iii) use of modern information technologies to convey accurate information to consumers regarding their foods, including other means to provide mandatory information; (iv) may embark to define criteria for nutrient-content claim "high in" when it comes to fats, sodium/salt and sugars; (v) suggestions to address labelling requirements of foods in multipacks or presented together; (vi) reinforcement of mandatory alcohol beverages labelling. CCFL45 will also address regular agenda items e.g. To endorse labelling provisions in Codex Alimentarius texts developed by other Codex Alimentarius Committees and bodies; to receive feedbacks about activities relevant to food labelling from WHO, FAO and other Codex Alimentarius Committees and bodies. <i>By Christophe Leprêtre and Katia Merten-Lenz</i>	22
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