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Report Highlights:

On June 16, 2021, Colombia's Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MINHEALTH) issued Resolution No. 810 establishing the technical regulation for nutrition and front-of pack labeling requirements for packaged food for human consumption, which will go into effect on December 16, 2022. This report includes the original regulation and an English translation.

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Executive Summary:

On June 16, 2021, to support Colombia's public health and reduce diet-related non-communicable diseases, MINHEALTH issued Resolution No. 810, which established the technical regulation on nutrition and front-of pack labeling (FOPL) requirements for packaged food for human consumption. The measure revises the existing labeling requirements, including introducing warning elements such as symbols, as well as the nutritional facts panel information and format. Colombia's food safety authority (INVIMA), along with local health authorities, will be responsible for the surveillance and enforcement of this regulation. This resolution will go into effect on December 16, 2022. Beyond this date, local producers and importers are expected to remove non-compliant products from the market.

On July 30, 2021, Colombian Congress enacted <u>Law 2120 of 2021</u>, widely known in the country as the "Junk Food" bill, which includes provisions related to public education on healthy living, noncommunicable diseases prevention, and advertising of food and beverage products to children. This new legislation is expected to lead to further changes to current Resolution 810 labeling requirements for food products in Colombia. MINHEALTH and other relevant government bodies are currently working on the implementation of Law 2120.

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Attachments:

Resolution 810 of 2021 (Spanish).pdf

Resolution-810-of-2021 (English) FINAL.pdf