

Healthy Food Partnership Executive Committee

Communiqué

10 March 2022 – Meeting 14

The Australian Government, food industry bodies and public health groups met today to progress the work of the Healthy Food Partnership (the Partnership), a joint collaboration that supports and encourages Australians to eat well and live healthier lives.

The Partnership is chaired by Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck and comprises representatives from ALDI, the Australian Food and Grocery Council, AusVeg, Coles, Dairy Australia, Dietitians Australia, Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Meat and Livestock Australia, Metcash, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Public Health Association of Australia, Restaurant and Catering Industry Association, Woolworths and the Australian Government Department of Health.

The meeting received an update on the Industry Guide to Voluntary Serving Size Reduction (the Guide). Members noted the draft text of the Guide, which is currently undergoing graphic design. Members agreed to consider the Guide for endorsement out of session once it is finalised, anticipated by April 2022.

The Partnership noted work from the Food Regulation System in the areas of Menu Board Labelling, Health Star Rating system and the FSANZ Act Review.

Members were updated on the progress of Foods for Early Childhood Reference Group, including noting the workplan. The agreed scope of the work includes the development of industry guidance on issues such as flavour profile, packaging, labelling and serving sizes.

Members received an update on the implementation of the Partnership Reformulation Program and agreed to progress to the next stage of the program, consideration of definitions and targets for 3 new food categories.

Members noted the presentation on the Deakin University REFORM project and its findings to help inform implementation of the Healthy Food Partnership activities.

Minister Colbeck acknowledged the importance of the Partnership's work, and efforts of food industry and public health groups on food reformulation, serving size and community awareness activities.

Further information about work areas and membership of the working and reference groups is available online at <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/healthy-food-partnership>.