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EU TO REQUIRE WARNING LABELS ON PRODUCTS WITH PLANT STEROL AND STANOL ESTERS

On 25 July 2013 the European Commission (EC) adopted Commission Regulation (EU) No 718/2013¹ amending Regulation (EC) No 608/2004² concerning the labelling of foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols and/or phytostanol esters.

According to the new regulation products will be required to bear a statement that the product is not intended for people who do not need to control their blood cholesterol level.

Products that contain phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols or phytostanol esters, placed on the EU market from 15 February 2014, must carry this new label warning. However, products placed on the market or labelled before 15 February 2014 which do not comply with the requirements of this regulation may be marketed until stocks of the foods are exhausted.

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¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:201:0049:0050:EN:PDF>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2004:097:0044:0045:EN:PDF>

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