
**Definitions and technical criteria for
foods and food ingredients suitable
for vegetarians or vegans and for
labelling and claims**

*Définitions et critères techniques pour denrées alimentaires et
ingrédients de denrées alimentaires adaptés à l'alimentation des
végétariens ou des végétaliens, ainsi que pour l'étiquetage et les
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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide the technical criteria for foods and food ingredients suitable for vegetarians (including ovo-lacto-, ovo- and lacto-vegetarians) or vegans for use by the food and beverage industry at a global level, as well as technical criteria for food labelling and claims.

The document specifies technical criteria to all food and beverage companies, applicable to all organizations, regardless of size or complexity. This document is intended for use in business-to-business communications, relationships in the global food supply chain, the international trade of food products, and food labelling and claims.

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