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Use of the names Rapeseed Oil (in Dutch: Raapzaadolie) and/ or Colza Oil (in Dutch: Koolzaadolie) in the ingredients declaration on a food product.

Regulation for labelling of vegetable oils and fats

Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 sets new provisions for the labelling of refined vegetable oils and fats. From 13 December 2014, European legislation (Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011) obliges to declare all individual oils present in food products on the label. It is still possible to use the class name 'vegetable oils' and 'vegetable fats' for refined vegetable oils and fats, but this class name should directly be followed in brackets by a list of indications of the specific vegetable origin.

Labelling of Rapeseed Oil and Colza Oil

With respect to Rapeseed Oil and Colza Oil there seems to be some confusion about the (correct) labelling of these oils. Main questions are whether Rapeseed Oil and Colza Oil are equivalent and how Rapeseed Oil and Colza Oil as ingredients should be labelled.

Definition

The Codex definition of Rapeseed Oil ([Codex standard for named vegetable oils \(CX-STAN 210 – 1999\)](#)) is:

(Note: synonyms are in brackets immediately following the name of the oil)

2.1.15 Rapeseed Oil (Turnip Rape Oil; Colza Oil; Ravison Oil; Sarson Oil: Toria Oil) is produced from seeds of Brassica napus L., Brassica rapa L., Brassica juncea L. and Brassica tournefortii Gouan species.

Conclusion

According to the above given definition, both the oil that is produced from seeds of Brassica napus as well as the oil that is produced from the seeds of the Brassica rapa can be considered as Rapeseed Oil. Colza Oil can be used as a synonym.