



30 March 2026

Health Promotion Board
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Revised nutrient criteria for food service cooking oil and clarifications to guidelines for the Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS) Programme

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) performs periodic reviews of the HCS guidelines to ensure relevancy. As part of efforts to reduce saturated fat intake, the saturated fat criteria for the food service oil category will be revised to ensure that the guidelines continue to support healthier oils used in out-of-home settings.

HPB has also updated additional information to ensure clarity of the guidelines. The revised HCS guidelines will take effect from **1 April 2026**. Please refer to **Annex A** for the consolidated changes.

As a transitional measure, industry partners with existing HCS products that do not meet the revised guidelines will be granted a grace period until **30 June 2027** to comply with the new requirements. This is to allow time for reformulation of existing HCS-certified products, as well as to deplete the existing stock of products that will no longer meet the revised guidelines.

HPB welcomes interested companies with new or reformulated products that meet the guidelines to submit their applications via the [HCS Online](#) and be part of the Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS) Programme.

Thank you for supporting HPB's efforts in developing a healthier ecosystem with healthier food and drink options. For further clarifications, you may write in to: HPB_HCSadmin@hpb.gov.sg or call 6435 3715/ 6435 3905.

Yours Sincerely,

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