

Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz: "Alongside the professional supervision necessary to maintain public health, we are committed to fighting the cost of living, and to removing bureaucratic obstacles where possible.

After many years of trying to promote this, the Ministry of Health is now leading the important move that will bring down prices, and this will be felt right in the pockets of Every citizen. We are also examining the adoption of additional international regulations alongside the official cancellation of additional food standards, all with the aim of enabling the availability and accessibility of food products at low costs, without compromising public health."

Chairman of the Regulatory Authority Yoel Briss: "The adjustment of the regulation in the food sector is important and precedential. The implementation of the move will significantly reduce regulation in the food industry and will contribute to our fight to lower the cost of living in Israel. I thank the Food Division of the Ministry of Health, the Budget Division of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economy for its wings and all the partners for the hard work in promoting the reform of food imports, for the benefit of the Israeli consumer."

The agreements reached regarding the 127 Israeli food standards are:

For importers - the official standards of 96 complete standards will be canceled as of January 1, 2023.

For the Israeli manufacturers - the official standards of 96 standards will be completely canceled in three steps, until the beginning of 2026 as follows:

- 60 standards will be completely canceled on January 1, 2023.
- 21 standards will be completely canceled on January 1, 2024.
- 15 standards will be completely canceled on January 1, 2026.

21 standards will be almost completely canceled: over 70% of the sections of the standards will be canceled on January 1, 2023, for both importers and manufacturers.

In addition to maintaining the formality of the Israeli standard, the committee will recommend the adoption of American and European standards in relation to 3 standards: honey, instant coffee, and roasted coffee, in a way that will allow importers and local producers to choose which standard to comply with through the amendment of the Fourth Addendum to the Standards Law, subject to the approval of a joint committee of the Health Committee Economy in the Knesset.

The committee will also recommend the adoption of European standards in relation to the olive oil standard through the amendment of the Public Health Protection Law (Food), subject to the approval of the Economic Committee and the amendment of the second addendum to the Food Law.

For 13 standards relating to canning, the Ministry of Health undertakes to act to amend the Food Law by 1.1.26 in order to make it possible to remove the formality of these standards and to adopt European regulation. If it is not possible to act through the Food Law, the Ministry of Health will examine whether these standards meet the threshold conditions for being added to the fourth supplement to the Standards Law, and the Ministry of Economy will examine the possibility of including them in this supplement.