# Countdown

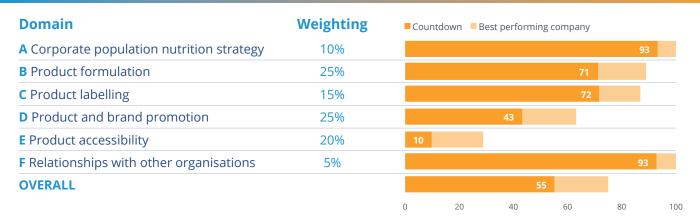


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OVERALL SCORE



### **Areas of strength**

#### **Key recommendations**

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# Corporate population nutrition strategy

- Strong commitment to improving population nutrition with clear health and nutrition targets on the national website
- Annual reporting against specific objectives and targets
- Key Performance Indicators of senior managers linked to nutrition targets
- Reference to national priorities in overarching nutrition strategy

 Refer to global priorities when constructing a nutrition strategy (e.g., World Health Organization recommendations, Sustainable Development Goals)

#### **Product formulation**

- Commitment for private label grocery products to be nutritionally on par (with respect to saturated fat, sugar, sodium), or better than, the category average.
- Signed up to the Ministry of Health Healthy Kids Industry Pledge
- Commit to reduce portion sizes of categories of private label products where this is appropriate
- Publish commitment to the Healthy Kids Industry Pledge on the Countdown website
- Adopt an official nutrient profiling system (e.g., Health Star Ratings) to classify products for the purpose of food reformulation

#### **Product labelling**

- Commitment to display the Health Star Rating on all private label grocery products
- Commitment to make nutrition information, including Health Star Ratings, available online
- Support the implementation of regulations by the Government on added sugar labelling on products
- Use shelf tags to display summary nutrition information in-store
- Commit to labelling private label products with nutrition claims only when products are healthy, (i.e. meet the FSANZ Nutrient Profiling Scoring Criterion (NPSC))

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### **Product and brand promotion**

- Commitment to comply with the Advertising Standards Authority Children and Young People's Advertising Code
- Commitment to not advertise collectibles in any medium that is targeted at children under the age of 14 years
- Develop a marketing policy that applies to children up to the age of 18 years and includes restriction on celebrities, premium offers and fantasy and animation characters
- Develop a marketing policy to all consumers, that covers both broadcast and non-broadcast media, including limitation of in-store and flyer promotion of unhealthy products
- Independently audit compliance with marketing policies on a national level

### **Product accessibility**

- The Odd Bunch initiative, which aims to increase the affordability of healthy products
- Commitment to ensure at least one confectionery food free checkout in 95% of Countdown
- Commit to limit multi-buy specials on unhealthy products
- Commit to increasing the proportion of healthy products in the overall product portfolio
- Commit to dedicate a minimum proportion of shelf space to healthy products, and/or a maximum proportion of shelf space to unhealthy
- Develop a policy on the placement of unhealthy foods in high-traffic areas, such as end-of-aisle displays
- Support evidence-informed government policies such as a tax on sugarsweetened beverages
- Adopt an official nutrient profiling system to classify products for the purpose of accessibility policies

### Relationships with other organisations

- Details of most external relationships are available on the national website
- Commitment to not make political donations
- Disclose details of public-private partnerships (e.g., membership of NZ Business and Parliament Trust) on the national website

#### **Overall**

• Active engagement with the BIA-Obesity research group

• Signatory of the Ministry of Health's Healthy Kids Industry Pledge

#### Countdown's BIA-Obesity domain scores by tertile

3 = score within top third of NZ companies - 1 = score within lowest third of NZ companies