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DEFINITION FOR VITAMIN AND MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS

Vitamin and mineral supplements are defined as food products:

- Marketed under food law, containing one or more vitamins or minerals in a concentrated form as main active ingredients, and which may also contain other ingredients; and
- Presented in specific forms, intended for single or multiple dose administration, including but not limited to tablets, capsules, powders or liquids.

Comment

These products are known as dietary supplements in the United States of America, and are generally known as food supplements in the European Union. In addition, the term “dietary supplement” is used in the European Union for products regulated as Foods for Particular Nutritional Uses (PARNUTS).