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## South African Import Procedures for Food Products- Labelling Requirements

### General

The information required to appear on any label shall be:

- In at least one official language (English) of the Republic of South Africa.
- Clearly visible, easily legible and indelible, and the legibility shall not be affected by pictorial or any other.
- The CPB also includes a significant change to product liability, such that a consumer no longer has to demonstrate that a producer was negligent before receiving compensation for injury. The new legislation puts the burden of proof on the producer or supplier, meaning that a consumer can sue almost any producer or supplier for harm or injury that is the result of a failed, defective, or unsafe product. Almost every supplier must comply with the bill, even if the supplier does not reside in South Africa. Foreign producers who sell products through a South African agent for use in South Africa would be included under the bill. These regulations will have a significant impact on not only regional trade, but also on U.S. exports to South Africa, since all products will have to be labeled and producers/suppliers could be held liable for any purported harm their product may have caused.
- matter, printed or otherwise.
- In a color that is in distinct contrast to the background color of the label.

## **Name and address**

The name and full physical address of the manufacturer, producer, proprietor or controlling company, or, in the case of containers packed on behalf of any other person or organization, the name and full physical address of that person or organization. The size of the letter not be less than 1mm in height.

## **Product name**

The name of the product shall be a true description, including its method of preparation, presentation and packing medium and shall not be misleading. The name must appear on the main panel(s) in bold print in letters not less than 4mm in height.

## **Qualifying words**

Words that qualify the foodstuffs or are an essential part of the description, shall be in the immediate proximity to the name and in prominent letters at least one third the size of the name of the product.

## **List of ingredients**

Where applicable a statement of ingredients in descending order of content must be given. The presence of any preservative shall be indicated in the list of ingredients by its common chemical name, either followed or preceded by the word "preservative". Preservatives which are used as anti-oxidants shall be indicated by the common chemical name in the list of ingredients, either followed or preceded by the words "anti-oxidant". Where the colorant tartrazine is used it must be specifically listed as "tartrazine" in the ingredients listing. The use of monosodium glutamate (MSG) shall be indicated by name in the ingredients listing. Foodstuffs which need not bear a list of ingredients include water, which is added with carbon dioxide and having a name indicating it has been carbonated, vinegars fermented exclusively from a single basic product, dairy products containing only milk, or added with only starter culture or rennet, any drink according to the Sorghum Beer Act, 1962, or beer as described in the Liquor Act of 1989.

## **Pictorial representations**

No pictorial representation, which reflects any foodstuff not contained in the container and which might lead the consumer to believe that such foodstuff is contained in the container, shall appear on the label unless the words “serving suggestion”, or words indicating the justification for the use of such a pictorial representation are printed on the label.

## **The net mass declaration**

The net mass of the contents shall be expressed in the relevant units of the metric system such as kilogram (kg) or gram (g). The lettering must be uniform and of a size such that the head of the “g” is equal to at least one quarter the size of the product name, brand or trade name, or 1.5mm, whichever is the greater. The net mass declaration shall be in a color in distinct contrast with the background, and where it does not appear on the main panel(s) it must be framed in a bold continuous line. The words “net mass” or “net” may be used with the net mass statement.

## **Storage instructions**

A statement that the product is cooked or uncooked as applicable, together with the relevant storage instructions shall appear on the main panel in letters not less than 3mm in height.

- Uncooked/raw – Keep Frozen
- Partly cooked – Keep Frozen
- Cooked – Keep Frozen

## **Grading of the product**

The grading category of the product and the count must be declared on the label.

## **Date of manufacture and factory code**

The date of manufacture and the identity of the factory in which the product was packed must be indelibly marked or stamped on each immediate container or, in the case of glass jars, on the cap or label. The use of a code is permissible provided that the key is disclosed to the SABS.

## **Country of origin**

Words indicating the country of origin must be stated on the label.

## **Substandard**

When required, the word "Substandard" shall be printed prominently and indelibly on all main panels in a print size at least half the size of the product or trade name, whichever is greater.

## **Directions for use**

Where relevant

## **Labels**

The information stated previously shall be printed on the package or on the overwrap covering the package, or on a label of acceptable material attached to the package. Labels on packages shall be clean, neat and securely attached. They shall not be superimposed on other labels or on matter printed directly on the packages. Labels or sealing adhesives that are liable to deteriorate under the conditions of storage of the packaged products shall not be used.

## Marking of master cartons

Containers shall be clean, neat and unbroken. On every container shall be printed or stenciled the quantity and net mass of the packages it contains and the information as required in the previously mentioned requirements, except that the street address of the manufacturer need not be the full address, but must be sufficient for identification purposes. The method of preparation need not be given on the container. The date of packing and batch number (if applicable) shall be stamped or otherwise marked on the container or on a label securely attached to the container.

## Nutritional and Health Claims

Nutrition labeling must appear on food labels or in accompanying labeling. The label must have the heading „Nutrition Information“, and should specify serving size, the nearest kilojoule of energy content of a serving per 100g or per 100 ml, total amount of proteins, carbohydrates, fats and dietary fiber in grams(weight), sodium in milligrams and RDA proteins per serving. Labeling of foods for special medical purposes must indicate nutritional information, osmolarity on acid-base balance, number of servings contained in the package, nature of animal/plant protein hydrolysates, the description of modification and information on the amino acid, fatty acid/carbohydrate profile, a bold capital lettered statement not less than 3mm reading “USE UNDER MEDICAL SUPERVISION”.

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