





Labelling requirements for food imports into India

LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD IMPORTS INTO INDIA			
1) All products should have a minimum of 60% shelf life remaining on each product at the time of entry into India - Mandatory requirement			
2) All information should be in English			
1. Labeling requirement in case of pre-packaged food (or pre-packed food) (including multi-piece packages and canned meats)			
SI No	Category	Information Required	Info Req'd. on
1	Name of Food (Product Name)	XYZ	Original packaging only (i.e. Primary Packaging) (may be ink jetted / laser printed on primary packaging)
2	List of Ingredients (Not required in case of single ingredient)	In Decending Order	
3	Nutritional Information (Values)	In Decending Order	
4	Manufacturer's(i.e. Producers) Name & Address	With a Prefix of ' Mfd. By; / Prd By: / Pkd By: ' Complete Address	
5	Net Quantity (i.e.Net Weight of Product)	In Case of Fixed Weight Product	
6	Lot / Batch Number	With a Prefix of ' Lot No: / Batch No: '	
7	Date of Manufacture (i.e. Production Date)		
8	Best Before or Use by Date or Date of Expiry		
9	Veg / Non Veg Logo	Suitable / Not Suitable for Vegetarians  	Primary packaging or separate sticker
10	Importer Name & Address	With a Prefix ' Imported By : ' Complete address	
11	Importer's FSSAI License Number (Will be considered as rectifiable labelling defect from 1st July 2014)	 FSSL 10012011000073	


2. Labeling requirement in case of wholesale packages

(including semi-finished/ intermediary food products which will be further processed to make final product and packed as pre-packaged/ prepacked food and wholesale packs of meat)

SI No	Category	Information Required	Info Reqd. on
1	Name of Food (Product Name)	XYZ	Original packaging only (i.e. primary packaging) (may be ink jetted / laser printed on primary packaging)
2	List of Ingredients (not required in case of single ingredient)	In Decending Order	
3	Manufacturer's(i.e. Producers) Name & Address	With a Prefix of ' Mfd. By; / Prd By: / Pkd By: '	
		Complete Address	
4	Date of Manufacture (i.e. Production Date)		
5	Best Before or Use by Date or Date of Expiry		
6	Importer Name & Address	With a Prefix ' Imported By : '	Primary packaging or separate sticker
		Complete address	
7	Importer's FSSAI License Number (Will be considered as rectifiable labelling defect from 1st July 2014)		

3. Labeling requirement in case of primary food

(including food whole carcasses imported in package)

SI No	Category	Information Required	Info Reqd. on
1	Name of Food (Product Name)	XYZ	Original packaging only (i.e. Primary packaging) (may be ink jetted / laser printed on primary packaging)
2	Manufacturer's(i.e. Producers) Name & Address	With a Prefix of ' Mfd. By; / Prd By: / Pkd By: ' Complete Address	
3	Date of Packing		
4	Importer Name & Address	With a Prefix ' Imported By : ' Complete address	Primary packaging or separate sticker
5	Importer's FSSAI License Number (Will be considered as rectifiable labelling defect from 1st July 2014)		

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