

Food Labeling Guide

The purpose of this "labeling guide" is to help retail food establishment operators in developing labels, which will be in conformance with the Department of Agriculture requirements, for the food products they package for display and off- premises consumption. This labeling requirement does not apply to customer order delivery or over the counter sales of food where a temporary bag, wrapper, or carry out box is used for short term containment or transport.

Additional information is available on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website www.cfsan.fda.gov.

Basic Labeling Requirements

All required labeling information shall be printed prominently and conspicuously in ENGLISH. Print size should be no smaller than 1/16 of an inch based on the lower case letter "o" and include:

1. STATEMENT OF IDENTITY

 The common, usual name or descriptive identity of the packaged food prominently displayed on the Principle Display Panel (PDP)

2. NET QUANTITY OF CONTENTS

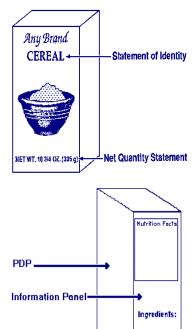
- Net Weight in ounces, pounds, or grams, or
- Net Content in fluid ounces, pints or liters or number of pieces.

3. INGREDIENT STATEMENT

 A list of ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight, including a declaration of artificial color or flavor and chemical preservatives.

4. MANUFACTURER, PACKER OR DISTRIBUTOR

 Include name and place of business – Full Street Address



Manufactured

5. ADDITIONAL LABELING INFORMATION

Many types of food need additional labeling information such as:

- Nutritional labeling is required on some food such as infant formula.
- A 7-day "Use By" date on ready to eat Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF) when placed under refrigeration or a frozen PHF once pulled to thaw.
- A 14-day from the day of packaging "Discard Date" for Modified Atmospheric Packaged Food.
- Precautionary statements applicable to the food product, such as "Keep Refrigerated" or "Safe Handling Instructions" or warning statements as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- An allergen statement for the following ingredients: milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, and tree nuts.

Questions: Contact the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Division

Illustrations were reprinted from the FDA Food Labeling Guide http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/flg-toc.html

Examples of approved labeling:

HOT PEPPER JAM

Ingredients: sugar, fruit juice, dextrose, pectin, potassium citrate

Net Wt: 16 oz. (1 lb.)

My Store Name

My Physical Address

City, State, Zip Code

MADE IN A CRAFT FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION

(702) 555-5555

CRACKERS

Ingredients: parmesan cheese (milk, rennet, salt, preservatives), flour (wheat flour, malted barley, niacin, iron, folic acid), cream, butter (cream, salt), pepper This product contains the following allergens: wheat, milk

Net Wt: 16 oz (1 lb.) My Store Name My Physical Address City, State, Zip Code (702) 555-5555

MADE IN A CRAFT FOOD OPERATION THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION

GLAZED CASHEWS

Ingredients: cashews, sugar, vanilla, salt, cinnamon This product contains the following allergens: tree nuts

> Net Wt: 8 oz. My Store Name My Physical Address City, State, Zip Code (702) 555-5555

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