



Bangladesh issues Packaged Food Labelling Act 2017

First Chapter

Prefatory



Definitions

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“Best Before”

date means the maximum period of safety when consuming food or food products, indicating that the product will retain its specific published and unpublished qualities in the prescribed preservation method, but after that time the quality of the food or food product may be satisfactory but not salable

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“Food consumer”

final consumer of a food or food product, who does not use the mentioned food or food product for any business purpose

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“Food Material”

any material or ingredient used in food preparation, no matter what they may be, are present in the final food, including food additives;

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“Net weight”

means actual weight of the packaged material

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“Expiry Date” or “Use by Date”

means a specified period of time after which a food or food product, no matter where it is stored, may lose its expected normal quality and after that period the food or food product will not be marketable

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“Package”

means case, box, carton, packet, sack-pack, pot, container, wrapper, vessel, jar, bottle, can, band, ticket, reel, frame, cone, capsule, lid and other similar objects used to cover and preserve any product

Definitions

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“Packaged food”

means food or food products that are already presented to the consumer or food supplier in a wrapper or container

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“Label”

any tag, brand, mark, image, mark, hallmark, graphics or descriptive instruction that is easily visible on a food wrapper, whether written, printed, sealed or by computerized printing by stencil, emboss or indelible ink is made or added

Second Chapter

Labelling



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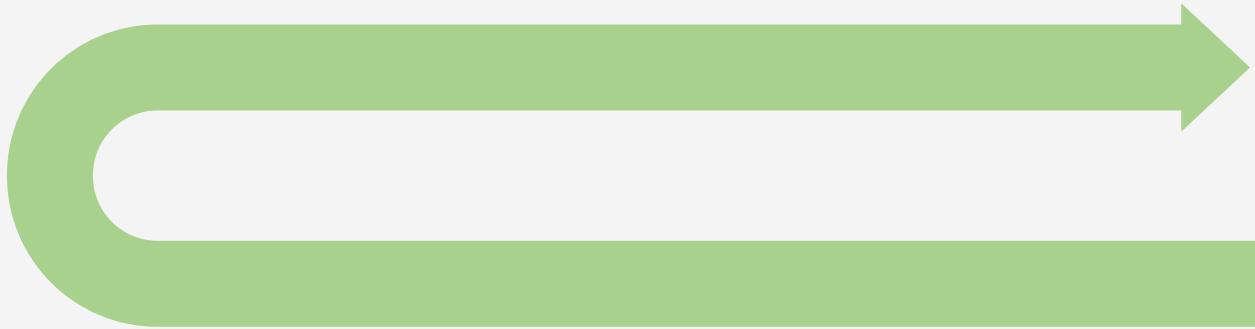
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Labelling

01

General conditions of packaged food labelling

A. The following general conditions should be followed regarding the labelling of packaged food, such as

Information provided on the label should be in **Bengali** (Prepared in the country However, if necessary, one or more foreign languages can be used besides Bengali)



Name and ingredients of food should be clearly stated

The presence of essential nutrients per 100g or 100 mg should be declared on the label

01

General conditions of packaged food labelling

B. Following information should be clearly mentioned in the label, such as

- Name and address of the manufacturer, packager, supplier or marketer;
- Food ingredient's or material's type and name (Natural and artificial);
- Batch, code or lot number;
- Net weight or volume or number and total weight;
- Date of Manufacture;
- Date of Packaging;
- Expiry date or last date of use
- Best before date
- Information about nutritional value
- Food additives; and
- If it is not possible to use food or food products properly without instructions, its use instructions.

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C. According to the trade license, *the name and full address of the food or food manufacturer* must be clearly mentioned



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General conditions of packaged food labelling



D. In the *interest of ensuring safe food, where applicable, special instructions relating to food processing, packaging, preservation, storage, transportation and distribution*, if any, must be stated on the packaged food label.



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Special conditions for labeling packaged food consisting flavoring substances or pigments

(A) The expression "*natural flavor*" or "*naturally flavored*" should be mentioned on the label of the food or food product if it contains a natural flavor



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Special conditions for labeling packaged food consisting flavoring substances or pigments

(B) If a food or food product contains natural pigment, the expression "*natural pigment*" or "*contains natural pigment*" should be mentioned on the label of the food and food product



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(C) The use of pigments should include the expressions "*approved natural*" or "*approved artificial*" or "*approved natural and synthetic pigments used*"



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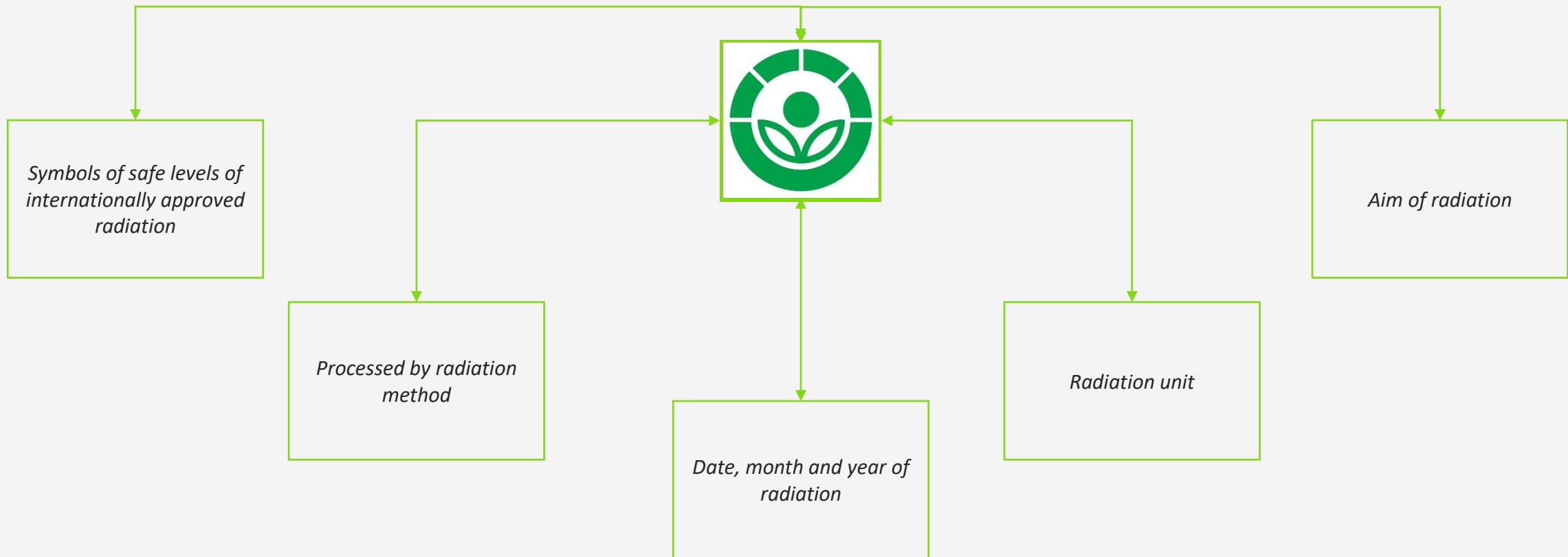
Special conditions for labeling packaged food *consisting food additives*

(C) Foods and food products *containing food additives may not be labeled "Pure Food" or "Pure" or "Pure" or any similar expression on the container or package;*



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Special conditions in the case of packaged radiated food labeling



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Special conditions in the case of packaged radiated food labeling



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Special conditions on packaged vegetarian or non-vegetarian food labelling

Vegetarian

A green square on the outside and a circle covered with green on the inside



For Vegetarian

For Non Vegetarian

Non Vegetarian

the outline of which should be a circle covered with *brown inside a brown square* and the length of that square should be twice the diameter of the circle

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Special conditions

for labeling of packaged food with altered hereditary traits

If the agricultural product is produced through a change in hereditary traits, the expression "*Genetically Modified Food*" should be mentioned on the label of the packaging.



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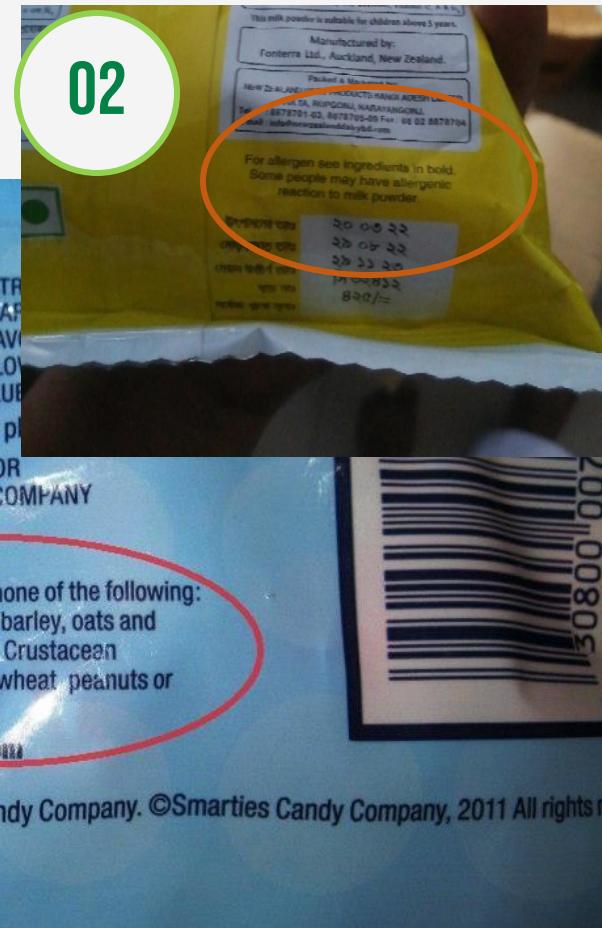
Special conditions for packaged food labeling that cause allergens or intolerant reactions

Foods that cause allergies or intolerant reactions to packaged and processed foods and food products must be clearly stated on the label

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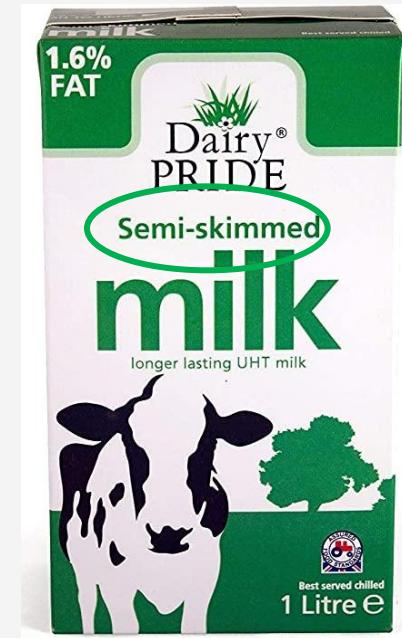


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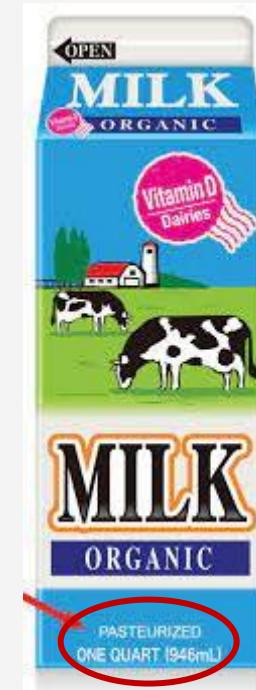
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Special conditions for labelling packaged processed milk

In the case of "*non-skimmed milk*" or "*pasteurized milk*" or any other processed milk, in addition to *explicitly mentioning the expression "non-skimmed milk"* or "*pasteurized milk*" in the container



Semi-Skimmed



Pasteurized

Third Chapter

Name of the food product, quantity, Unit food ingredient, Nutritional information, and Date of Use



Name of the food or food product

- The name will ***be specific, not denominational***, which will indicate the nature of the food;
- Generally legal names should be used, but in the absence of such names common names and descriptive names should be provided if common names do not exist or are not used;
- The name under which the sale will be made must be applicable in Bangladesh;
- The name under which the sale will be made cannot be replaced by any trademark, brand name or fancy name;
- In order to allay the suspicions of the buyer, the physical condition of the food or if certain processing procedures are followed, such as powdered, chilled, dried, frozen, condensed, smoked, etc., must be attached to the name to be sold; and
- The name of ***the imported food or food product should be labeled*** in such a way that the consumer is not confused

Quantity, unit and ingredients of food or food products

Net weight and quantity of packaged food should be mentioned in the following way, such as—

- 01** *Volume's unit milliliter or liter* in terms of liquid food; and
- 02** *Weight's unit milligram or gram or kilogram* in terms of food other than liquid.

Nutritional information

The following nutrition information must be declared on the label of the packaged food, such as

01 *Energy value*

02 *Quantity of fat, saturates, carbohydrate, sugar, protein and salt*

Nutrition Facts	
8 servings per container	← Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)
Amount per serving	
Calories	230
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 8g	10%
Saturated Fat 1g	5%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 160mg	7%
Total Carbohydrate 37g	13%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 10g Added Sugars	20%
Protein 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%
Calcium 260mg	20%
Iron 8mg	45%
Potassium 235mg	6%
* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.	

Date of use of food and food products

Each packaged food and food product packaging should clearly state the date of use following the instructions given below—

For fast perishable or short-term preserved food or food products, the "expiration date" or "last date of use" and for long-preserved food products, the "best before date" must *be engraved in indelible ink or engraved*;

The expressions "expiration date" and "last date of use" or "best before date" must be combined with the corresponding date

"*Expiry date*" and "*last date of use*" or "*best before date*" should be written in chronological order of days, months and years.

No food or food products may be sold, marketed or distributed after the maximum date of good consumption.

Date of use of food and food products



BY ORDER OF BANGLADESH FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Fourth Chapter

Disseminating Misleading Information



Disseminating misleading information

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Misleading, untrue or falsely dependent information may not be inserted on the label in violation of any provision of this Regulation and no advertisement may be prepared, printed or disseminated using such information.

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If any person violates the provisions of sub-regulation (1), it shall be ***deemed to be in violation of sections 41 and 42 of the Act.***

Fifth Chapter

Miscellaneous



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Inapplicability

All provisions of Pure Food Rules, 1967 relating to the provisions of this Regulation shall come into force as soon as these Regulations come into force.

Publication of English Translation

After the introduction of these Regulations, the Authority may, if necessary, with the prior approval of the Government, by notification in the Official Gazette, publish an authentic English text of the Bengali text of this Regulation. Provided, however, that in case of conflict between the Bengali text and the English text, the Bengali text shall prevail..

Thanks Everyone

“ To avoid health issues, please read the label properly before purchase a food product ”