

PI - Food policy - Prohibited and Restricted Items

GUIDE.TALKING_POINTS Food past sell-by date is still good
While many items can still be used when past the sell-by or use-by date, eBay does not allow expired food items to be listed on the site for the general safety of our community.
Rations
This policy covers all forms of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) from civilian versions to military versions to other countries' versions.
Expiration date
eBay requires an expiration date to be displayed in the listing (image, description, etc.) for any product that carries an expiration date. This information helps to give the buyer clear information about how long the product will be good.
eBay does not allow the sale of expired products for health and safety concerns. To help protect the community, we require that any item with an expiration date have that expiration date called out in the listing.
Recalled food products
Recalled food items can usually be investigated through the FDA's web site: <http://www.fda.gov/>.
Deeper why of policy
eBay urges its sellers and buyers to comply with all governmental laws and regulations. Because the sale of food is highly regulated or may cause harm to eBay or its members, members are encouraged to educate themselves on the laws governing its sale.
Because of the environmental impact of over-fishing sturgeon, the U.S. strictly regulates the import/export of sturgeon caviar.
GUIDE.SUMMARY What is the policy?

The following and similar food items are not allowed:
Unpasteurized dairy products (except cheese that follows government guidelines)
Unpasteurized fruit or vegetable juice
Wild mushroom (except for morel and shitake mushrooms)
Ackee fruit or seeds
Expired food
Government assistance benefits that can be used for food

When listing food items that are allowed, sellers must:

- Ensure food items are properly packaged and stored safely
- Clearly state the expiration date in the item description
- State how perishable items will be delivered, and ensure they are delivered to the buyer before the expiration date

Why does eBay have this policy? This policy helps to keep our community safe and helps sellers comply with government regulations.