

# Info Note: Food Labelling Requirements Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code

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This is a guide for people who wish to produce food at home for sale and for sale at markets.

Legislation covering the labelling of food products has been introduced to ensure the public are better informed on the ingredients contained in foods, particularly in respect to nutrition and food allergies.

The Food Standards Code requires every food package to contain the following on its label as a minimum:

- Product name or, where no name is prescribed, a name or a description of the food sufficient to indicate the true nature of the food.
- Lot identification or batch code.
- Name and business address in Australia or New Zealand of the supplier.
- Mandatory warning and advisory statements and declarations specified in Standard 1.2.3 and any other warning and advisory statements specified elsewhere in the new Code. A mandatory food warning is essential when a food contains an ingredient that may cause a sensitivity reaction to some consumers.
- Ingredient listing, the ingredients are to be listed in descending order of ingoing weight and are to be clearly legible.
- Date marking best before or use by date.
- Nutritional information panel A free NIP calculator is available on the Food Standards website at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/industry/npc/Pages/Nutrition-Panel-Calculator-introduction.aspx>
- Percentage labelling (characterising ingredient/s and component/s).
- Directions for use or storage where, for reasons of public health and safety, consumers need appropriate directions for use or storage of the food.
- Country of origin must be stated on products made and sold in Australia, other than food products from New Zealand.

Imported foods are required to be labelled with the name and business address of the importer in Australia.

In addition to the above, all labelling shall be:

- in the English language.
- distinct, legible and permanent.
- clearly visible to the prospective purchaser.
- in standard type.
- in characters of uniform size, style and colour.
- in such colour as to afford a distinct contrast to the background.

For more detailed information on the labelling requirements, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/foodstandards/userguides/>

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