

**GHANA STANDARDS BOARD (FOOD, DRUGS AND
OTHER GOODS) GENERAL LABELLING RULES, 1992**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Ghana Standards Board
by subsection (1). of: section 9 of the Standlrd3 Decree, 1973
(N.R.C.D. 173) these Rules are made this 29th day of April, 1992.

PART I-FOOD AND DRUGS

1. (1) No person shall offer for sale, sell distribute. import or otherwise dispose of prepackaged food or drug, unless the food or drug is marked or labelled with

- (a) the name of the food or drug
- (b) a list of ingredients in the food or in respect of drugs, active ingredients, showing the amount of each present in the drug
- (c) an indication of the minimum durability in the form of
 - (i) date of manufacture and expiry date or best before date or use-by-date in respect to food or
 - (ii) date of manufacture and expiry date in respect of drugs.
- (d) any special storage conditions and handling precautions that may be necessary.
- (e) instructions or directions for use or warnings and precautions that may be necessary in respect of a drug
- (f) instructions for use in respect of food, if it would be difficult to make appropriate use of the food in the absence of such instructions
- (g) an indication of the net contents in the form of net mass or volume or number of doses in respect of drugs
- (h) code marks or numbers indicating the batches of production or packaging to which the food or drug be
- (i) country of origin of the food or drug and
- (j) the name and address of the producer ,manufacturer, importer, packer, distributor or of the seller of the food or drug

2. (1) A name that is required to be used for food under Rule 1 shall be the name prescribed by law for the food if so prescribed

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- (2) Where no name is prescribed by law for food, a customary name, that is to say a name, which is customary for that food in the area where the food is sold, may be used for the food
- (3) Where there is no name prescribed by the law for a food and there is no customary name or where customary name is not used, the name used for the food shall sufficiently precise to inform a purchaser of the nature and substances of the food and to enable the food to be distinguished from products with which it could be confused.
- (4) The name of a food may consist of a name or description or of name and description;
- (5) A trademark brand name or fancy name shall not be substituted for the name of a food
- (6) The name of a drug as required by Rule 1(a) should wherever possible include the international or national non proprietary name of the drug if its available.

PART II – GOODS OTHER THAN FOOD AND DRUGS

- 3** No persons shall offer for sale, sell, distribute, import or otherwise dispose of the goods specified in the First Schedule to these Rules unless the goods are marked or labelled with
- (a) a name which indicates or describes the nature or kind of good
 - (b) code marks or numbers indicating the batches of production to which the goods belong
 - (c) a date of manufacture and expiry or best before date; where applicable
 - (d) an indication of the content in the form of net mass or volume where applicable
 - (e) dimensional mass and volume characteristics where applicable
 - (f) electro technical or chemical characteristics where applicable
 - (g) any special storage conditions or handling precautions that may be necessary or conditions of use
 - (h) instructions or directions for use warnings and precautions that may be necessary if it would be difficult to make appropriate use of the goods in the absence of such instructions or directions
 - (i) country of origin of the goods and
 - (j) the name and address of the producer, manufacturer, importer, distributor or seller of the goods

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PART III-GENERAL

4 (1) Marks or labels for food, drugs and the goods specified in the first schedule shall have the requirements specified in Rules 1 and 3, printed, impressed, embossed or stamped.

(2) Where marks and labels are stamped, they shall be in indelible ink and be legible.

(3) Marks or labels for food, drugs and goods meant for sale or distribution in the Ghana shall have the requirements specified in Rules 1 and 3 in the English language.

5 Where food, drugs or the goods specified in the First Schedule consist of small packages, which cannot be conveniently marked or labelled, in the outer package enclosing the small packages shall be labelled in accordance with the rules.

6 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of the ongoing Ghana Standards Board may prescribe additional or specific labelling requirements for any goods where it deems necessary.

(2) Whenever the board prescribes additional or specific labelling requirements for any goods, notification thereof shall be published in the gazette.

7 (1) The Ghana Standards Board shall in consultation with the secretary, appoint inspectors for purposes of enforcing the provisions of these rules.

(2) Any persons appointed, as an inspector shall be issued with a certificate in the form specified in the second schedule to these Rules

8 An inspector may at all reasonable times

- (a) Enter any premises or places where he has cause to believe that food, drugs or the goods specified in the First Schedule are being offered for the sale, distributed or otherwise disposed of.
- (b) Examine the food, drugs, or goods to ascertain whether they conform to the provisions of these rules.
- (c) Seize the food, drugs or goods which contravenes any provision of these rules or which have been labelled in such a way as to be deceptive, misleading or false.

9 (1) Any food, drugs or goods specified in the First Schedule imported into Ghana which are not labelled in the manner provided for under these rules shall be detained

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- (2) The importer of any goods detained under sub-rule (i) of this rule shall within twenty-eight days of detention of such goods label the goods in the required manner or re-export the goods.
- (3) The re-labelling of imports shall be done under the supervision of an officer authorised for the purpose by the Ghana Standards Board.
- (4) An inspector shall, after the expiration of the period specified in sub-rule (2) of this rule seize any goods which have not been labelled as required under these rules or re-export.

- 10** (1) Any person whose goods have been seized or detained may within seven days after seizure or detention petition to the Secretary for the release of the goods.
- (2) The secretary shall within seven days of receiving the petition either confirm the seizure by stating reasons for it or order the goods to be released.

- 11** (1) Subject to rule 10, any goods seized shall be liable to forfeiture.
- (2) The Ghana Standards Board shall in consultation with the Secretary dispose of any forfeited goods in such manner as it may determine.

- 12**(1) The secretary may in consultation with the Ghana Standards Board exempted from the provisions of these Rules
- (2) Without prejudice to sub-rule (1) of this rule, the following are exempted from the provisions of these rules:
- (a) personal effects
 - (b) samples of food, drugs or other goods which are not in commercial quantities;
 - (c) used articles

- 13** (1) Any person who obstructs an Inspector in the performance of his functions commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ₵200,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both.
- (2) An inspector who assists any person to contravene any of these rules commits an offence and shall be liable to conviction to a fine not exceeding ₵200,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both.

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14. In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires-

"drug" means any substance or mixture of substances prepared, sold or presented for use in

- (i) the diagnosis, treatment, mitigation or prevention of a disease, disorder or abnormal physical state or the symptoms thereof in man or animal; or
- (ii) restoring, correcting or modifying organic functions in man or animal;

"food" means any article manufactured, sold or presented for use as food or drink for human consumption, ----- chewing-gum and water.----

"label" includes any tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, embossed or impressed on or attached to the item or inserted in its container.

"pre-packaged" means packaged or made up in advance. ready for retail in a container.

"Secretary" means the P.N.D.C. Secretary responsible for, Trade and Tourism. P.N.D.C.

'15. The "Ghana Standards Board (Food, Drugs and Other Goods) General Labelling Rules, 1991 L.I.1512) are hereby revoked.

16. These Rules shall be deemed to have come into force on 4th Commence day of May, 1992..

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE (RULE 3)

1. Gas cookers and appliances
2. Refrigerators and food freezers.
3. Electric fans and regulators-
4. Radio receivers[cassette players
5. Television sets .
6. Room air-conditioners/
7. Electric lamps
8. Electrical fittings and accessories
9. Office equipment (electricals only; i.e. computers, fax machines, typewriters, ctr.).

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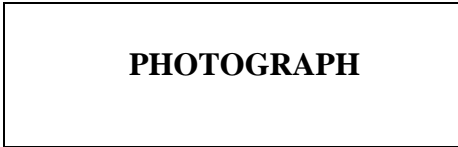
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- 10. Electric motors
- 11. General Household electrical appliances and accessories
 - (i) Immersion electric heaters
 - (ii) Electric pressing irons
 - (iii) Water heaters/electric kettles, etc
- 12. Cement for the building industry
- 13. Electric cables
- 14. Dry cell batteries
- 15. Lead-acid starter batteries
- 16. Paints
- 17. Pesticides
- 18. Body creams
- 19. Soap
- 20. Hair products
- 21. Detergents
- 22. Body powders
- 23. Toothpaste
- 24. Poultry feed, including pre-mixes

SECOND SCHEDULE

INSPECTORS CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

This is to certify that
Has been appointed an inspector for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Ghana Standards Board (Food, Drugs and other Goods) General Labelling Rules, 1992 (L.I.1541) and is authorised to enter any premises or place to inspect and examine any food, drugs or goods under Rule 8 and to exercise all the powers conferred



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Photograph and Signature of Inspector

COL. MICHAEL AKOWUAH
Chairman, Board of Directors, Ghana Standards Board
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