

Quality Labelling Standard for Processed Foods

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(Scope of Application)

Article 1. This standard shall apply to the processed foods (limited to those kept in container or package).

(Definitions)

Article 2. In this standard, the definition of terms in the left column of the following table shall be as given in the corresponding right column.

Term	Definition
Processed foods	Those listed in the Attached Table 1 as the foods manufactured or processed.
Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)	The date up to which it is considered that any product sealed in any unopened container or package adequately maintains all the quality characteristics expected of the product if the product is preserved according to the indicated instruction for storage.
Use-by date	The date up to which it is considered that any product sealed in any unopened container or package maintains the quality that is expected good enough to be taken as food if the product is preserved according to the indicated instruction for storage.

(Matters to be Labelled Collectively)

Article 3. Regarding the quality of processed foods, the matters to be labelled collectively by manufacturers, processor/packers or importers (distributors if the distributors are in a position to make the quality labelling on behalf of the manufacturers or processor/packers with the latter's agreement to it. Referred to as the "manufacturer, etc." hereinafter) on the container or package of the processed foods shall be as shown below. However, this provision shall not apply to the case that any persons manufacture or process foods and sell them to general consumers directly or provides the facilities to have them eat or drink those foods.

(1) Name

- (2) Names of ingredients
- (3) Net contents
- (4) Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)
- (5) Instruction for storage
- (6) Name or trade name and address of manufacturer, etc.

2. With regard to the products where liquid packing media are added to solid products and then the final products are sealed in cans or bottles (except those in which the drained weight is difficult to control), the drained weight and the total quantity of contents shall be labelled in place of the matter listed in the preceding paragraph, Item 3 for the items labelled collectively on the cans or the bottles by the manufacturer, etc. However, this provision shall not apply to the case that the drained weight and the total quantity of contents are nearly the same or the purpose of adding liquid packing medium is only to protect the contents.

3. With regard to the products where liquid packing media are added to the solid products and the final products are sealed in containers or package other than cans or bottles, the drained weight may be labelled in place of the matter listed in Paragraph 1, Item 3 for the items labelled collectively by the manufacturer, etc. on the containers or packages other than cans or bottles.

4. With regard to the products that should be consumed promptly after manufactured due to its quickly changeable quality, the use-by date shall be labelled in place of the matter listed in Paragraph 1, Item 4 for the items labelled collectively on the containers or packages by the manufacturer, etc.

5. With regard to imported products, a name of country of origin shall be labelled in addition to the items labelled collectively on the containers or packages by the manufacturer, etc.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 hereof, with regard to those products falling under the division given in the left column of the following table, the labelling items given in the corresponding right column may be omitted.

Division	Matters to be labelled
The area of the container or package of the product is not more than 30cm ² .	Name of ingredients, Best-before date (Date of minimum durability) or Use-by date, and Instructions for storage

Those containing a kind of ingredient only (except canned foods and meat products)	Name of ingredients
Those of which net contents can be easily identified (except the specified commodities listed under Article 5 of the Government Ordinance for the Measurement Concerning Sale of Specified Commodities (Government Ordinance No. 249 of 1993))	Net contents
Those listed in the Attached Table 2 as the products that undergo very slight change of quality	Best-before date (Date of minimum durability) and Instructions for storage
Those for which there is no particular instruction for storage other than the storage at an ordinary temperature	Instructions for storage

(Method of Labelling)

Article 4. In labelling the matters provided in Items 1 through 5 of Paragraph 1 of the preceding article, drained weight and total quantity of contents in Paragraph 2 of the same article, drained weight in Paragraph 3 of the same article and use-by date in Paragraph 4 of the same article, the manufacturer, etc. shall comply with the provisions of the following items:

(1) Name

Name shall be declared with a common name expressing the content of the product. However, any product other than the processed foods listed in the left column of the Attached Table 3 shall not be labelled with the name provided under the corresponding right column of the same table.

(2) Names of ingredients

Names of ingredients shall be indicated as provided as below in accordance with the divisions in a to b.

a. Names of ingredients other than food additives shall be indicated in descending order of weight percentage in the total ingredients. However, in the case that an ingredient consists of two or more ingredients (referred to as “compound ingredients” hereinafter), the names of the said compound ingredients shall be followed by brackets in which names of the component ingredients shall be indicated with the most common names in descending order of weight percentage in the said compound ingredient. In this case, if the weight

percentage of the compound ingredient in the total ingredients of the product is less than 5% or the name of ingredients can be easily identified from the name of the compound ingredient, the name of ingredients of the said compound ingredient may be omitted.

b. Names of food additives shall be indicated in the descending order of weight percent in the total ingredients pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, Paragraph 1, Items (1)－(ホ) and (2), Paragraph 11 and 12 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Food Sanitation Law (Ministerial Ordinance No.23 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of 1948).

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of a. hereof, those products falling under the division given in the left column of the following table may be labelled with the names given in the corresponding right column.

Division	Names
Edible oils and fats	“Vegetable oil”, “Vegetable fat” or “Vegetable oil and fat”; “Animal oil”, “Animal fat” or “Animal oil and fat”; or, “Processed oil”, “Processed fat” or “Processed oil and fat”
Starch	“Starch”
Fishes and fish meat (limited to the case that the name of the fish of a certain kind is not indicated)	“Fish” or “Fish meat”
Poultry meat (excluding meat products and limited to the case that the name of the poultry is not indicated)	“Poultry meat”
Dextrose anhydrous, dextrose monohydrate and total sugar glucose	“Dextrose” or “Glucose”
Glucose and fructose syrup, high fructose corn syrup (55%), and high fructose corn syrup (90%)	“Isomerized glucose syrup”
Sugar added high fructose corn syrup (42%), sugar added high fructose corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup (90%)	“Sugar added isomerized glucose syrup” or “Sugar/isomerized glucose syrup”
Spices and spice extract [except those corresponding to the food additives listed in the “List of the Existing Food Additives” (Notification No. 120 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of 1996) and limited to those whose weight	“Spice” or “Mixed spice”

percentage in the total ingredients is not more than 2%]	
Savory herbs and garnishes and their processed products (limited to the case that its weight percentage in the total ingredients is not more than 2%)	“Fragrant grass” or “Mixed fragrant grass ”
Fruits penetrated with syrup (limited to the case that its weight percentage in the total ingredients is not more than 10%)	“Crystallized fruit”

d. In the case that organic agricultural products [those provided under Article 3 of the Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Products (Notification No. 59 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of January 20, 2000); the same shall apply hereinafter] or organic agricultural product processed foods [those provided under Article 3 of the Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Agricultural Product Processed Foods (Notification No. 60 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of January 20, 2000); the same shall apply hereinafter] graded under the provisions of Article 14 or Article 15 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950; referred to as “the Law” hereinafter) are used as an ingredient, such product may carry the statement to the effect that the said ingredient is an organic agricultural product or an organic agricultural product processed foods.

(3) Net contents

Net contents of the specified commodities listed under Article 5 of the Government Ordinance for the Measurement Concerning Sale of Specified Commodities shall be indicated under the provisions of the Measurement Law (Law No.51 of 1992), and those of the other products shall be indicated by weight of contents, volume of contents or number of contents, and the weight of contents shall be mentioned in grams or kilograms, the volume of contents in milliliters or liters, and the number of contents in number, clearly stating the unit used respectively.

(4) Drained weight

Drained weight shall be mentioned in grams or kilograms clearly stating the unit used.

(5) Total quantity of contents

Total quantity of contents shall be mentioned in grams or kilograms clearly stating the unit used.

(6) Use-by date or Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)

Use-by date or best-before date (date of minimum durability) shall be indicated as provided below:

a. With regard to a product whose period from manufacture to use-by date or best-before date (date of minimum durability) does not exceed three months, it shall be mentioned by any of the following samples. However, if it is difficult to print “.” in the case of (b), (c) or (d), “.” may be omitted. In this case, if the month or the date is one digit, its second digit shall be represented by 0.

(a) Heisei 12, April 1

(b) 12.4.1

(c) 2000.4.1

(d) 00.4.1

b. With regard to a product whose period from manufacture to use-by date or best-before date (date of minimum durability) exceeds three months, it shall be mentioned as provided below:

(a) Mention shall be made by any of the following samples. However, if it is difficult to print “.” in the case of (ii), (iii) or (iv), “.” may be omitted, in which case, if the month or the date is one digit, its second digit shall be represented by 0.

(i) Heisei 12, April

(ii) 12.4

(iii) 2000.4

(iv) 00.4

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a), mention may be made as provided in a. above.

(7) Instructions for storage

Instructions for storage shall be declared as “Avoid the direct sunshine and store at the normal temperature”, “Store below 10°C”, etc. according to the properties of the product.

2. All the matters provided in the preceding article shall be labelled at a conspicuous place of the container or package according to the Attached Form. However, if the container or package is packed by wrapping paper or paper box, etc., necessary matters shall be labelled on the wrapping paper or paper box, etc.; the wrapping paper or paper box, etc., shall be made so that the labelling on the container or package can be looked through; or the labelling on the container or package shall not be covered by the wrapping paper or paper box, etc.

(Labelling of Characteristic Ingredients, etc.)

Article 5. In the case that any product has an indication to the effect that the product has employed the ingredients of a certain origin, organic agricultural products, organic agricultural product processed foods and other characteristic ingredients or where the name of any product shows that it has employed any characteristic ingredients, any of the percentages listed as below shall be labelled at a place in close proximity to the said labelling or in the brackets following the name of ingredients in Article 3, Paragraph 1, Item 2. However, if the percentage is 100%, the percentage may be omitted:

- (1) Weight percentage of the characteristic ingredient in the total of the ingredient of the product; or
- (2) Weight percentage of the characteristic ingredient in the mixture of the characteristic ingredient and the ingredient of the same kind as the characteristic ingredient (In this case, mention shall be made to the effect that it is the weight percentage of the characteristic ingredient in the mixture of the characteristic ingredient and the ingredient of the same kind as the characteristic ingredient.).

2. In labelling to the effect that a certain ingredient is used in only a small quantity, its weight percentage in the product shall be labelled at a place in close proximity to the said labelling or in the brackets following the name of ingredients in Article 3, Paragraph 1, Item 2.

(Matters Prohibited from Labelling)

Article 6. The following matters are prohibited from labelling:

- (1) Any wordings which conflict with those expressed in accordance with the provisions of Article 3; and
- (2) Any letters, pictures, photographs or other labelling which may give a wrong impression on the contents.

(Other Standards of Quality Labelling of Processed Foods)

Article 7. In labelling the quality of processed foods, manufacturers, etc. shall comply with the requirements otherwise provided by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries than those provided under Article 3 through the preceding article.

2. If otherwise provided by the standards of quality labelling established by the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under the provisions of Article 19-8, Paragraph 2 of the Law other than those provided under Article 3 through the preceding article and the preceding paragraph, such provisions shall apply.

Attached Table 1 (related to Article 2)

1. Wheat and Barleys
Processed barley
2. Flour
Rice flour; Wheat flour; Cereal flour, except rice flour and wheat flour; Pulse flour; Sweet potato flour and Prepared flour and other flour
3. Starch
Wheat starch, Corn starch, Sweet potato starch, White potato starch, Tapioca starch, Sago starch and other starch
4. Processed vegetables
Vegetables, canned or bottled; Processed tomatoes; Processed mushrooms group; Salt storage vegetables (except pickles); Vegetable pickles; Vegetables, prepared frozen foods; Dehydrated vegetables; Vegetables “*tsukudani*” (Preserved vegetables boiled in soy) and other processed vegetables
5. Processed fruits
Fruit, canned or bottled; Jams, marmalades and fruit butter; Fruit pickles; Dried fruits; Fruits, prepared frozen foods and other processed fruits
6. Teas, coffee and cocoa
Tea, Coffee products and Cocoa products
7. Spices
Black pepper, White pepper, Red pepper, Cinnamon, Clove, Nutmeg, Saffron, Bay leave, Paprika, All spices, Japanese pepper, Curry powder, Mustard powder, “*Wasabi*” powder, Ginger and other spices
8. Noodles, bread and similar preparations
Vermicelli, macaroni and similar preparations and Bread and bun
9. Cereal processed goods
Alpha cereal, Processed rice, Oat meal, Bread crump powder, Wheat gluten bread, Barley tea and other cereal processed goods
10. *Kashi* (cake and confectioneries)
Biscuits, Baked cakes, Rice crackers, Fried candies, Japanese cakes, Foreign cakes, Half pastries, Japanese dry confectioneries, Candies, Chocolates, Chewing-gum and bubble gum, Coating sugar confectioneries, Snack confectioneries, Ice confectioneries and other confectioneries
11. Prepared pulses
Bean jam; Boiled pulses; Soybean curd and fried soy bean curds; “*Yuba*”; Dehydrofrozen bean curds; “*Natto*”; *Kinako*, roasted and ground; Peanut products;

- Roasted beans and prepared beans
12. Sugars
Sugar, Molasses and sugars
 13. Other processed agricultural foods
“*Kon-nyaku*” and other processed agricultural foods not covered by items 1 through 12 above
 14. Meat, prepared
Processed meat; Meat, canned or bottled; Meat, prepared frozen foods and other meat, prepared
 15. Dairy products
Fluid milk, Processed milk, Milk drinks, Condensed and evaporated milk, Powdered milk, Fermented milk and lactic fermented milk drinks, Butter, Cheese, Ice cream and other dairy products
 16. Processed poultry eggs
Processed chicken eggs and other processed eggs
 17. Other processed animal foods
Honey and other processed animal foods not covered by items 14 through 16 above
 18. Fish and shellfish
Unsalted and dried fish and shellfish, Salted and dried fish and shellfish, Cooked and dried fish and shellfish, Salted fish and shellfish, Canned fish and shellfish, Processed frozen prepared aquatic products, Fish paste products and other fish and shellfish, prepared or preserved
 19. Seaweeds, prepared or preserved
Dried tangle, Processed tangle, Dried laver, Processed laver, Dried undaria, “*Hoshi-hijiki*”, “*Hoshi-arami*”, Agar-agar and other seaweeds, processed or preserved
 20. Other processed sea foods
Other processed sea foods not covered by items 18 and 19
 21. Seasonings and soups
Salt, “*Miso*”, Soy-sauces, Sauces, Vinegar, “*Umami*” seasonings, Related products of seasoning, Soups and other seasonings and soups
 22. Edible oils and fats
Vegetable oils and fats, edible; Animal oils and fats, edible and Processed oils and fats, edible
 23. Prepared foods
Prepared frozen foods, Chilled foods, Retortable pouched foods, Box lunch, Prepared dishes and other prepared foods
 24. Other processed foods

Yeast and baking powder; Vegetable protein and seasoned vegetable protein; Malt, malt extract and malt syrup; Instant powder juice and other processed foods not covered by items 21 through 23

25. Beverages

Drinking water, Soft drinks, Ice and other beverages

Attached Table 2 (related to Article 3)

1. Starch
2. Chewing-gum and bubble gum and Ice
3. Sugar
4. Ice creams
5. Salt and “*Umami*” seasonings
6. Drinking water and Soft drinks [limited to those packed in glass bottles (excluding those sealed with paper caps) or polyethylene containers] and ice

Attached Table 3 (related to Article 4)

Processed Foods	Provisions
Processed tomatoes	Quality Labelling Standard for Processed Tomatoes (Notification No. 1,632 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Dehydrated “ <i>shiitake</i> ”	Quality Labelling Standard for Dried <i>Shiitake</i> (Notification No. 1,633 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Item 1
Carrot juice and carrot mixed juice	Quality Labelling Standard for Carrot Juice and Carrot Mixed Juice (Notification No. 1,634 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Dried mashed potato	Quality Labelling Standard for Dried Mashed Potato (Notification No. 1,635 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Sugared cherries	Quality Labelling Standard for Sugared Cherries (Notification No. 1,638 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Instant noodles	Quality Labelling Standard for Instant Noodles (Notification No. 1,641 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Raw type instant noodles	Quality Labelling Standard for Raw Type Instant Noodles (Notification No. 1,642 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry

	and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Macaronis	Quality Labelling Standard for Macaronis (Notification No. 1,643 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
<i>Kori-dofu</i> (dried frozen soybean curd)	Quality Labelling Standard for <i>Kori-dofu</i> (Notification No. 1,645 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Hams	Quality Labelling Standard for Hams (Notification No. 1,647 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Pressed hams	Quality Labelling Standard for Pressed Hams (Notification No. 1,648 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Mixed pressed hams	Quality Labelling Standard for Mixed Pressed Hams (Notification No. 1,649 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Sausages	Quality Labelling Standard for Sausages (Notification No. 1,650 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Mixed sausages	Quality Labelling Standard for Mixed Sausages (Notification No. 1,651 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Bacons	Quality Labelling Standard for Bacons (Notification No. 1,652 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Ice creams	Quality Labelling Standard for Ice Creams (Notification No. 1,654 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Special-packaged <i>Kamaboko</i> (steamed fish paste)	Quality Labelling Standard for Special-packaged <i>Kamaboko</i> (Notification No. 1,656 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Fish hams and fish sausages	Quality Labelling Standard for Fish Hams and Fish Sausages (Notification No. 1,658 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry

	and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Shaved <i>kezuribushi</i> (shaved dried fish)	Quality Labelling Standard for Shaved <i>Kezuribushi</i> (Notification No. 1,659 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Processed sea urchin	Quality Labelling Standard for Processed Sea Urchin (Notification No. 1,660 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
<i>Uni-aemono</i> (mixture of sea urchin's eggs and other marine products)	Quality Labelling Standard for <i>Uni-aemono</i> (Notification No. 1,661 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Dried <i>wakame</i>	Quality Labelling Standard for Dried <i>Wakame</i> (Notification No. 1,662 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Salted <i>wakame</i>	Quality Labelling Standard for salted <i>Wakame</i> (Notification No. 1,663 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
<i>Miso</i> (soy bean paste)	Quality Labelling Standard for <i>Miso</i> (Notification No. 1,664 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Soy sauce	Quality Labelling Standard for Soy Sauce (Notification No. 1,665 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Worcester sauces	Quality Labelling Standard for Worcester Sauces (Notification No. 1,666 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Dressings	Quality Labelling Standard for Dressings (Notification No. 1,667 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Edible vinegar	Quality Labelling Standard for Edible Vinegar (Notification No. 1,668 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Flavoring seasonings	Quality Labelling Standard for Flavoring Seasonings (Notification No. 1,669 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1,

	Item 1
<i>Tsuyu</i> (dipping soup) for noodles	Quality Labelling Standard for <i>Tsuyu</i> for Noodles (Notification No. 1,670 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Dehydrated soups	Quality Labelling Standard for Dehydrated Soups (Notification No. 1,671 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Edible vegetable oils and fats	Quality Labelling Standard for Edible Oils and Fats (Notification No. 1,672 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Refined lard	Quality Labelling Standard for Refined Lard (Notification No. 1,673 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Shortening	Quality Labelling Standard for Shortening (Notification No. 1,674 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 3, Item 1
Margarines	Quality Labelling Standard for Margarines (Notification No. 1,675 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Chilled hamburg steak	Quality Labelling Standard for Chilled Hamburg Steak (Notification No. 1,677 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Chilled meatballs	Quality Labelling Standard for Chilled Meatballs (Notification No. 1,678 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Chilled gyoza	Quality Labelling Standard for Chilled Gyoza (Notification No. 1,679 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1
Soy Milk, Prepared Soy Milk and soy milk drinks	Quality Labelling Standard for Soy Milk, Prepared Soy Milk and Soy Milk Drinks (Notification No. 1,684 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 1

Attached Form (related to Article 4)

Name

Names of ingredients

Net contents

Drained weight

Total quantity of contents

Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)

Instructions for storage

Country of origin

Manufacturer

Remarks

1. The color of the letters and frames to be used for labeling shall be in contrast to that of the background.
2. The letters used for labelling shall be in the uniform-sized printing type and the size equivalent or larger than 8 point as provided for in the Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) Z8305 (1962), provided that they may be a printing type of 5.5 point through 7.5 point as provided for in JIS Z8305 (1962) with respect to the maximum labelling area of approximately 150 cm² or smaller.
3. The items on which labelling is not made shall be omitted from among those listed in this form.
4. "Name" in this form may be replaced by "Name of the product", "Classification" or "Name of classification".
5. In case that it is difficult to label the "Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)" in accordance with this form, it may be labelled in another place providing that the place where it is stated is indicated in the column of the "Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)" in this form. In this case, the "Instructions for storage" may also be stated in close proximity to the place where the "Best-before date (Date of minimum durability)" is mentioned providing that such a place is indicated in the column of "Instructions for storage" in this form.
6. "Best-before date" in this form may be replaced with "Date of minimum durability".
7. With respect to the products that are liable to deteriorate rapidly and should accordingly be consumed soon after produced, "Best-before date" shall be replaced with "Use-by date".
8. In the case that labelling is made by a processor/packer, "Manufacturer" in this form shall

be replaced with “Processor”.

9. In the case that labelling is made by a distributor, “Manufacturer” in this form shall be replaced with “Distributor”.

10. With respect to imported products, “Manufacturer” in this form shall be replaced with “Importer” notwithstanding Item 9 above.

11. This form may be written vertically.

12. In the case that it is difficult to show the frame of this form, it may be omitted.

13. With the matters to be labelled collectively as provided in the standard of quality labelling established under the provisions of Article 19-8, Paragraph 2 of the Law, the matters to be indicated provided in the fair competition code under the provisions of Article 10 of the Act Against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations, and any matters to be labelled under the other laws and regulations, they may be indicated within the frame.

Supplementary Provisions

1. This notification shall come into force on the date of enforcement of the Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products.

2. With respect to the agricultural and forestry products other than those of which the standard of quality labelling have been stipulated under the provisions of Article 19-8, Paragraph 1 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products prior to the revision by the Law Revising Part of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products, this notification shall apply to those which are manufactured, processed or imported on and after April 1, 2001.

Supplementary Provisions (Notification No. 1,630 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000)

This notification shall come into force on the date of promulgation.

NOTE: In labelling according to this standard, all the matters shall be stated in Japanese because the purpose of the quality labeling standards is to help general consumers choice (Article 19-8, Paragraph 1 of the Law).