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SECTION 19

Food Act (General Labelling) Regulations

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Act (General Labelling) Regulations. Citation

2. In these Regulations - Interpretation

"bulk" means any food which is sold in a raw state and is readily identifiable by the purchaser and includes a packaged food which is in a container and which is not normally purchased by a consumer because of its large size;

"inner label" means the label on or affixed to an immediate container of any food;

"label" means any tag, brand, mark or pictorial or descriptive matter which accompanies or is written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed or impressed on, attached to or included in any food;

"outer label" means a label affixed to the outside of the package of any food;

"pull date" means the period from the date of manufacture or packing of any food within which the food may be sold or consumed.

3. A person shall not sell or expose for sale a manufactured, processed or repacked food unless a label has been affixed or applied to the food. Prohibition of sale of unlabelled food

4. Any information required under any written law or otherwise to appear on the label of any food or appearing on a label of any food shall be - Information prominently displayed on label

(a) clearly and prominently displayed on the label;

- (b) readily discernible to the purchaser or consumer under the customary conditions of purchase and use.

Declaration on
label.

5. (1) A label applied to a food shall carry -

- (a) on the main panel -
 - (i) the brand or trade mark, if any, of the food;
 - (ii) the common name of the food;
 - (iii) in close proximity to the common name, a correct declaration of the net contents in terms of weight or, if applicable, drained weight volume or number in accordance with the usual practice in describing the food;
- (b) grouped together on any panel -
 - (i) a declaration by name of any preservative used in the food
 - (ii) a declaration of permitted colour added to the food;
 - (iii) except in the case of liquors and alcoholic beverages, a declaration of any artificial or imitation flavouring preparation added to the food;
 - (iv) in the case of food consisting of more than one ingredient, a complete list of acceptable common names of the ingredients in descending order of their proportions, unless the quantity of each ingredient is stated in terms of percentage or proportionate composition;
 - (v) any other statement required under these Regulations or any other written law which is required to be declared on a label;
- (c) on any panel -

- (i) the name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor of the food, as the case may be;
- (ii) any necessary direction for handling and storing the food;
- (iii) the country of origin of the food;
- (iv) where the food has been treated with ionizing radiation, a statement to this effect.

(2) For the purposes of subregulation 1(c)(iii), where any food has undergone processing in a second country and such processing has changed the original nature of the food, the country in which the processing was done shall be considered the country of origin of the food.

6. Regulation 5 shall not apply to food sold in bulk, or packages from bulk, at the place where the food is retailed.

Exemption for bulk food

7. A statement, information or declaration that is required by these Regulations or any other written law to appear on the label of any food shall be in a national language of Seychelles in addition to any other language which may appear thereon.

Labelling of food in national language

8. Where both the inner and outer labels are used on a package of food, the declaration, statement and information required by these Regulations or any other written law to appear in respect of the food shall appear on both the inner and outer labels.

Labelling on inner and outer label

9. No direct or indirect reference to any written law shall be made on any label of, or in any advertisement for, a food unless the reference is a specific requirement of the written law.

Restriction on reference to written law

10. Where any food has more than one name, whether common or proper, a reference to that food by any of its names shall be deemed to be a reference to it by all its names.

Common name used on label

11. Where a pull date is placed on a packaged food by a manufacturer, processor or packer or is fixed under any regulations under the Act, the date shall be considered as the shelf

Product dating on label

life of the food and the food shall not be offered or displayed for sale after that date.

Lot number on label

12. A manufacturer, processor or packer of food who uses a code number, letter or mark to signify the date of manufacture, processing or packaging on a label shall, upon request of an authorized officer, divulge the date signified by the code number, letter or mark.

Exemption.

13. The Minister may, by notice in writing, exempt any food from compliance with any provisions of these Regulations.
