

STANDARD 1.2.9

LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

This Standard sets out general and specific legibility requirements for the labelling of packaged foods.

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1 Interpretation

In this Standard –

size of type means the measurement from the base to the top of a letter or numeral.

2 General requirements

(1) Unless otherwise expressly permitted by this Code, each word, statement, expression or design prescribed to be contained, written or set out in a label must, wherever occurring, be so contained, written or set out legibly and prominently such as to afford a distinct contrast to the background, and in the English language.

(2) Where a language other than English is used in addition to the English language on a label on a package of food or in association with a display of food the information in that language must not negate or contradict the information on the label in the English language.

Editorial note:

Subclause 2(1) does not require lot identification to be set out in the English language.

Where a language other than English is used on a label, in addition to the English language, it must not contravene the provisions of this Code.

3 Legibility requirements for warning statements

Unless otherwise prescribed in this Code, each word, statement, expression or design prescribed to be contained, written or set out in a warning statement on a label must, wherever occurring, be so contained, written or set out -

- (a) in a size of type of not less than 3mm; or

(b) in the case of a small package, in a size type of not less than 1.5mm.

Editorial Notes:

1. 'Warning statement' is defined in Standard 1.1.1.
2. 'Small package' is defined in Standard 1.2.1 (Application of Labelling and Other Information Requirements).