



INDIAN FOOD PRODUCT LABELS FOR IMPORTED NON VEGETARIAN PRODUCTS

LABELING ELEMENTS REQUIRED ON THE PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL PRIOR TO IMPORT**					
SL	PREFIX ON LABEL	INFORMATION ON LABEL	Further Information	Regulations Reference - Location of Further Information regarding this section	Regulations Reference
1	PRODUCT	CHICKEN MEAT	The name of food shall include trade name or description of food contained in the package.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (1)
2	ORIGIN	USA	Country of origin for imported food: A. The country of origin of the food shall be declared on the label of the food imported into India; B. When a food undergoes processing in a second country which changes its nature, the country in which the processing is performed shall be considered to be the country of origin for the purposes of labeling.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (11)
3	INGREDIENTS	CHICKEN MEAT	Except for single ingredient foods, a list of ingredients shall be declared on the label, in descending order of their composition by weight or volume.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (2)
5	PRODUCER OR PRODUCED BY (CHANGE PREPARED BY TO PRODUCED BY) (or MANUFACTURER or MANUFACTURED BY)	NAME AND ACTUAL DETAILED ADDRESS	The label shall carry the name and complete address of the manufacturing or packing or bottling unit and also the name and complete address of the manufacturer or the company for and whose behalf it is manufactured or packed or bottled. (i). Where an article of food is imported into India, the package of food shall also carry the name and complete address of the importer in India. (ii). Provided further that where any food article manufactured outside India is packed or bottled in India, the package containing such food article shall also bear on the label, the name of the country of origin of the food article and the name and complete address of the importer and the premises of packing or bottling in India	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (6)
6	NET WEIGHT KG	ACTUAL WEIGHT IN KG	By weight or volume or number, shall be declared on every package of food.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (7)
7	LOT/BATCH NUMBER	ACTUAL BATCH AS PER SUPPLIER	A mark of identification by which the food can be traced in the manufacture and identified in the distribution shall be given on the label in the event of a food safety issue. Codex recommends inclusion of an establishment number and other information identifying information. Structure is at the discretion of the supplier (can be lot or batch number, or time identification). Lot Code may be inkjetted or stamped on the product label or carton, or rectified with the use of a label	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (8)
8	MANUFACTURING DATE (or PACKED DATE)	ACTUAL DATE	The day, month and year in which the commodity is manufactured, packed or pre-packed, shall be given on the label. Date mark may be inkjetted or stamped on the product label or carton, or rectified with the use of a label.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (9)
9	BEST BEFORE	ACTUAL DATE	The day, month and year is required. Date mark may be inkjetted or stamped on the product label or carton, or rectified with a label.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (10)
15	STORAGE CONDITIONS	KEEP FROZEN -18 DEGREE C	Linked with the "Best Before Date", the storage conditions are to be clearly stated on the original label.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	1.2.10
10	NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION	NUTRITIONS PER 100g: ENERGY: [XXX]Kcal TOTAL FAT: [XX]g PROTEIN: [XX]g	All nutritional facts per 100 gram or 100 ml or per serving of the product shall be given on the label containing: (i). Energy value in Kcal; (ii). The amount of protein, carbohydrates (specify quantity of sugar) and fat in grams or milliliters; (iii). The amount of any other nutrient for which a nutritional or health claim is made.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (3)
LABELING ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE RECTIFIED BY A LABEL LOCATED IN THE PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL AFTER IMPORT**					
10	NON VEGETARIAN ALERT	 NON VEG LOGO (BROWN COLOR)	Non-vegetarian food (any food which contains whole or part of any animal including birds, marine animals, eggs, or products of any animal origin as an ingredient, excluding milk or milk products), must have a symbol of a brown color-filled circle inside a square with a brown outline (may or may not contain the words "NON-VEG" within the square), prominently displayed on the package, contrasting against the background on the principal display panel, in close proximity to the name or brand name of the food. Must be included on a sticker if not part of the original label.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (4)
11	IMPORTED BY	INDIAN IMPORTERS NAME AND FULL ADDRESS	Where an article of food is imported into India, the package of food shall also carry the name and complete address of the importer in India. Information may be included on a sticker.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	2.2.2. (6) (iii)
12	CUSTOMER CARE INDIA	CONTACT NUMBER IN INDIA WHERE CONSUMER CAN HAVE GRIEVANCES ADDRESSED	Contact information in India to address consumer complaints. If the name and address are the same as the importer (number 11 above), include the importer's phone number and/or email address (if available). If the contact information is different from the importer, the name, address and phone number and/or email address of the contact should be included.	The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	Explanation I
14	FSSAI FBO NO.	INDIAN IMPORTERS FOOD SAFETY REGISTRATION AND FSSAI LOGO 	For imported products, the importer's business license number shall be displayed on the principal display panel in the following format (image below). Information shall be included on a sticker if not on the original label.	Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulations, 2013 Amendment	2.2.1. (7)
	MRP (Maximum Retail Price) OR FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE ONLY	MRP INCLUSIVE OF ALL TAXES (OR "FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE")	The maximum retail price (MRP) at which the commodity, in packaged form, may be sold to the ultimate consumer. This price shall include all taxes, local or otherwise, freight, transport charges, commission payable to dealers, and all charges towards advertising, delivery, packing, forwarding, and any other relevant charges. This is applicable for packages intended for retail sale. It is not applicable for packaged commodities meant for industrial or institutional consumers. (Definitions: 'Industrial Consumer' who is buying packaged commodities directly from the manufacturer for use by that industry; 'Institutional Consumer' includes transportation, Airways, Railways, Hotels, Hospitals, or any other service institutions who buy packaged commodities directly from the manufacturer for use by that institution)	The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rule, 2011; 2017 FAIRS Country (Narrative) Report	Chapter II
**ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS FROM FSSAI ON LABELING ELEMENTS					
Wholesale-intended products are exempted from the retail level requirement (retail-level requirement that the smallest unit of packaging be wrapped). In an example of a 40 foot container with 1,500 12 kg cartons of Chicken Leg Quarters, each small carton must be labeled. In accordance with FSSAI Packaging and Labeling Regulation, 2011 and the wholesale requirement, each 12 kg carton of CLQ needs to be labelled, but individually-wrapped chicken parts do not need to be.					
Rectifiable labeling shall be addressed by a single non-detachable sticker applied on the principal display panel. If two labels are affixed, the name on the product printed on both labels must match exactly (i.e. "poultry meat", "chicken leg quarters", etc.). If product arrives without India-specific information, such as: the vegetarian/non-vegetarian logos, name and address of importer, FSSAI logo, or license number, those are considered "rectifiable labeling deficiencies", to which non-detachable labels can be affixed in the custom bonded warehouse at the port in India. Other information, such as the best before date, packaging date, or lot code, must be included on the principal display panel prior to the import of the product. Modified 2016 Food Import Regulations(Chapter 3, clause 3.7) also allows an Authorized Officer to issue an order for directing the food importer or his authorized agent to carry out permissible labeling rectifications, within a prescribed time in the Customs bonded area without altering or masking the original labeling information in any manner. As a general rule, no more than two labels or stickers should be attached in any principal display panel, except in special circumstances.					