
Country of origin indication of
milk and milk used as ingredient

GREECE

Legal act

- National Law No 4492/2017 (and implementing Ministerial Decision 1710/51865/2018):
Labelling of the origin of the milk in drinking milk and dairy products
 - Entry into force: 18/10/2017
 - Transitional period of 6 months and full application since: 19/04/2018
 - Re-evaluation up to: 19/04/2020
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Aims

- Satisfaction of a longtime and strong demand of consumers
 - Contribution to the protection of consumers and fraud prevention
 - Establishing fair competition rules
 - Enhancing information sharing, traceability and transparency in the food supply chain
 - Enforcing the prevention principle and not retrospective acting after a new crisis
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Products (prepacked - non prepacked)

- Milk (drinking milk, concentrated milk)
 - Yogurt and other fermented milk drinks
 - Cheeses
 - Butter
 - Cream
 - Milk based desserts
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Labelling

- **«country of milking»**
+
«country of milk processing»
+
«country of packaging»

Or

- **«Origin of milk “country name”»:**
when milking, milk processing and packaging of
the finished product have taken place in one (1)
single country

Labelling

- **«Origin of milk: E.U.» :**
 - when milking, milk processing and packaging of the final product have taken place in more than one (>1) EU countries
 - or
 - when it is a mixture of milk from different EU countries
 - **«Origin of milk: non E.U.» :**
 - when milking, milk processing and packaging of the final product have taken place in more than one (>1) third-countries
 - or
 - when it is a mixture of milk from third-countries
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Preliminary Results

- ✓ adequate level of compliance
 - ✓ non compliances concerning:
 - font size (smaller than provided)
 - origin labelling not in the main field of view
 - different types of expression of origin labelling
 - ❖ Through time and adjustments labelling is more and more in conformity with the existing legislation
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