

Annex 6 - Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats

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To help inform the development of the CCFL Discussion Paper on this topic, we request Codex members to provide responses to the following questions about current practices, issues, and any potential role for CCFL on this topic. Please enter your name / contact details as requested below also when responding.

Name of Codex Member Country, Member Organisation, or Observer (and e-mail contact details):		European Union			
<u>General Questions:</u>					
1. Within your country / region, what is the current practice for [Labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats]? Is the labelling or practice used or proposed (e.g. under development); mandatory/regulatory or voluntary?					
Name of current labelling and/or practice	Country or Region if applicable	Implemented (using) or proposed	Mandatory / Regulatory or Voluntary	Who developed the labelling? (Government, Industry, other organisation?)	Relevant references and/or weblinks. If relevant, what does the label look like on pack? (provide a picture if possible)
Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on Food Information to Consumers Foods in joint presentation and multipack formats are also subject to the mandatory labelling provisions laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011. The general principles, objectives, fair information practices and	EU	Implemented	Mandatory	EU	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02011R1169-20180101&qid=1529070416359&from=EN

<p>legibility of food labelling are also applicable for joint presentations and multipack formats.</p> <p>In addition, <u>specific provisions apply</u> to foods in joint presentation and multipack formats:</p> <p>- Annex IX, points 3 and 4 provide that:</p> <p><i>3. Where a prepacked item consists of two or more individual prepacked items containing the same quantity of the same product, the net quantity shall be indicated by mentioning the net quantity contained in each individual package and the total number of such packages. The indication of those particulars shall not, however, be mandatory where the total number of individual packages can be clearly seen and easily counted from the outside and where at least one indication of the net quantity contained in each individual package can be clearly seen from the outside.</i></p> <p><i>4. Where a prepacked item consists of two or more individual packages which are not regarded as units of sale, the net quantity shall be given by indicating the total net quantity and the total number of individual packages.</i></p> <p>- Annex X, point 2 (d) provides that: [...] (d) the 'use by' date shall be indicated on each individual</p>					
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<i>prepacked portion."</i>					
2. Are you aware of existing international guidelines or other relevant work undertaken in other international fora on this topic? If so, please provide relevant reference(s) or website links to access this?					
Yes / No		Details of existing international guidelines or other relevant work in other international fora:			
No					
3. What are the issues that you think need to be addressed by CCFL for this topic? Please give a reason(s) for your answer of why it is important (e.g. there is a gap on [x] in Codex text(s), clarity is needed on [x] information needed for consumer information/choice, etc.).					
Issue(s)		Reason(s) for answer			
Net quantity of the different individual items contained in joint presentations		To ensure that consumers receive appropriate information about the quantity of the different foods contained in joint presentation formats in case the quantity cannot be clearly seen from the outside.			
Use by date on each individual prepacked portion contained in foods in joint presentation and multipack formats		As very often consumers remove the external package of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats in order to store the products at home, in case of products with a "use by" date, it shall be ensured for reasons of safety that the "use by date" is indicated on each individual prepacked portion contained in foods in joint presentation and multipack formats.			
Specific Questions:					
4. Do you currently check labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats in accordance with Standards / legislation?					

- Yes
- No

If your answer is yes, please explain how do you check the labelling of foods? How do you currently check labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats in accordance with standards / legislation?

Yes, EU Member States are responsible for the enforcement of EU rules in their country, including the labelling of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats.

5. Are the current joint presentation and multipack formats used in the country making difficult the practice of checking the labelling of foods?

- Yes
- No

If your answer is yes, please mention which difficulties are generated.

No, no specific difficulties have been reported by EU Member States.

6. What would be the advantages to the consumers, to the food safety authorities and to the industry to implement labelling the foods in joint presentation and multipack formats?

Foods in joint presentation and multipack formats are already subject in the EU to mandatory labelling provisions laid down in Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011. It ensures that consumers are appropriately informed about the food they buy.

7. Would the industry have any difficulties of implementing labelling the foods in joint presentation and multipack formats for the industry?

- Yes
- No

If you answer is yes, please mention the difficulties of implementing labelling the foods in joint presentation and multipack formats

No, no specific difficulties have been reported by EU food industry to implement the labelling rules for foods in joint presentation

and multipack formats.

In addition to that please answer the following question

Is that relevant on consumer benefits and to the current food safety standards?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer

YES. The provision of food information shall pursue a high level of protection of consumers' health and interests by providing a basis for final consumers to make informed choices and to make safe use of food, with particular regard to health, economic, environmental, social and ethical considerations.

8. Is the previous authorization for each kind of presentation by the food safety authority in your country mandatory?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your answer

No, in the EU it is not required.

9. Is the trade of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats representative in the country? Is that type of trade regular or occasional?

Depending on the food category, foods in joint presentation and multipack formats are traded regularly in the EU market. There might also be an increase on marketing of foods in joint presentation and multipack formats during certain seasonal periods (e.g. Christmas or Easter)