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**UK & EU Labelling, Food, Cosmetic & Biocidal Products Guidelines & Templates**



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## UK AND EUROPEAN FOOD INFORMATION, LABELLING GUIDELINE AND TEMPLATE\*

- Must accurate, clear, easy to understand for the consumer, available and easily accessible
- Applies to any food intended for supply to the final consumer or to mass caterers
- Easily visible, clearly legible and, where appropriate, indelible
- Not hidden, obscured, detracted from or interrupted by any other written or pictorial matter or any other intervening material.
- For prepacked food, mandatory food information shall appear directly on the package or on a label attached thereto
- Language: easily understood by the consumers and according to national law

Mandatory content	Specify
Name of the food	Clearly indicate type of food
Ingredients list	List all in order of weight from largest to smallest
List of Ingredient or processing aid causing allergy or added known allergens in <b>bold or colour</b>	e.g. soy, nuts, sesame seed, gluten, lactose, fish, etc. and for non-prepacked food, including in restaurants and cafes
Quantity of certain ingredients or categories of ingredients	
Net quantity or weight of the food	
Date of minimum durability or the 'use by' date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'use by date'</b> for short shelf life food – e.g. salad, meat, smoked fish, prepared food,</li> <li>• <b>'best before'</b> for long shelf life food e.g. tinned, dried and frozen food</li> </ul>
Special conditions for storage and/or of use	
Name or business name and address of the food business operator	Marketer or importer into the EU or UK for easy contact
Country of origin or place of provenance	for <b>fresh meat</b> from pigs, sheep, goats and poultry
Instructions for use where it would be difficult to make appropriate use of the food in the absence of such instructions	
For beverages containing more than 1.2 % by volume of alcohol, the actual alcoholic strength by volume	
Nutrition declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• most prepacked, processed foods</li> <li>• <b>list:</b> per 100mg /mL amount of fat – saturates, carbohydrates sugar, salt</li> <li>• <b>Energy:</b> in <del>Kj</del> / Kcal</li> </ul>
List of <b>engineered nanomaterials</b> in the ingredients	
Indication of <b>substitute ingredient</b> for 'Imitation' food	
Clear indication of " <b>formed meat</b> " or " <b>formed fish</b> "	
Clear indication of <b>defrosted</b> products	

\* BASED ON EU REGULATION 1169/2011/ EU AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED INTO UK LAW. This is a guide, subject to changes at short notice. You are advised to verify before any reliance or contact us for further assistance.



## UK AND EUROPEAN UNION (EU) BIOCIDAL PRODUCTS LABELLING GUIDELINE AND TEMPLATE\*

**Label quality:** Indelible, easily legible and visible

**Language:** National language(s) or according to national laws

Label Content*	Explanatory note
<b>Product name or identifier</b>	Commercial name
<b>Product code</b>	Internal code for traceability
<b>Product registration (or notification) number</b>	Where applicable or available
<b>Name of manufacturer or entity placing product on the market</b>	Legal entity or person placing product on the market, owner of registration
<b>Name of manufacturer or entity placing product on the market</b>	Legal entity or person placing product on the market or product registrant
<b>Active substance</b>	In % weight
<b>Product type or application</b>	Application and use areas (e.g. human disinfectant, non-food and food contact surface disinfectant, etc.)
<b>Evidence to support claims</b>	Example: efficacy tests (EN standards)
<b>Direction of use</b>	Specific direction on how to apply product, volume and contact time required – if applicable. Any precautions for professional and / or the public
<b>Product classification and / or symbol</b>	Where applicable
<b>Hazard warning or precaution</b>	Where applicable, including environment protection or disposal
<b>Batch / Lot number</b>	For traceability
<b>UFI (Unique Formula Identifier) no</b>	16-character code called Unique Formula Identifier, to be on labels of products classified for health or physical hazard by 2020 and mandatory by 2025

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### General Guidance:

- Must accurate, clear, easy to understand for the consumer, available and easily accessible
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- **Language:** easily understood by the consumers and according to national law
- Same **labelling requirements** for online, distance-selling or buying in a shop

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## UK AND EUROPEAN UNION COSMETIC PRODUCTS LABELLING GUIDE AND TEMPLATE\*


**Label quality:** indelible, easily legible and visible

**Language:** local language(s) or according to national laws

Label Content*	Explanatory note
<b>Product Commercial Name</b>	Product identity
<b>Name or registered name of responsible person</b>	See definition in Q/A
<b>Address of responsible person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See definition in Q/A</li> <li>In case of several addresses, highlight address where Product Information File (PIF) is held</li> </ul>
<b>Country of origin (if imported)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See definition in Q/A</li> </ul>
<b>Content or quantity (nominal content)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In weight or volume</li> <li>Not required for packs &lt; 5g or 5mL or</li> <li>Not required if multiple products in a pack if the number of products is visible from outside or written on the outer pack or sold individually</li> </ul>
<b>Ingredients list</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ingredients, use common names in Annex 33 or generally accepted nomenclature list</li> <li>List in descending order of weight or volume if &gt; 1%</li> <li>And in any other for &lt; 1% after &gt; 1 %</li> <li><b>Nano materials</b> - List all names followed by (nano)</li> <li><b>Fragrances and aromatic materials</b> - List as Parfum and aroma</li> <li><b>Colourants</b> - List in any order including the CI numbers (if applicable) after other ingredients</li> </ul>
<b>Date of minimum durability (or expiry date, best before, use within, use by)</b>  <b>Best before the end of:</b>  <b>Month / year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The date until which the cosmetic product, stored under appropriate conditions, will continue to fulfil its initial function</li> <li>Mandatory for products with a minimum durability or lifespan of &lt; 30 months</li> <li>Indication: "date of minimum durability symbol" + product expiry date expressed in month and year, or the day, month and year</li> </ul>

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Label Content*	Explanatory note
<b>Period After Opening (PAO)</b>  M or months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period of time after opening of the container for which the product can be used without any harm to the consumer</li> <li>Applicable to products with a minimum durability of &gt; 30 months</li> <li>Indication: "PAO symbol" + number of months and/or years (how many months the product is still safe to use after it has been opened)</li> <li>Months can be indicated on or outside the symbol</li> <li>Not required for self-preserving products as high alcohol content perfume</li> </ul>
<b>Direction of use / Precaution</b>	How to use the products and any special warning statement for professional use products
<b>Product function</b>	Unless obvious from, for example, the product name
<b>Batch or Lot number</b>	For tracking or traceability of the cosmetic product
<b>Small packs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>precaution for use and other special warning, the ingredient list may be enclosed or attached in a separate leaflet, label, tape, tag or card</li> <li>Instruction, warning and ingredient notice maybe placed near where the product is placed sale</li> </ul>

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