

Food Labeling Guide

The purpose of this "labeling guide" is to help retail food establishment operators in developing labels, which will be in conformance with Southern Nevada Health District requirements, for the food products they package for display and off-premises consumption. Labels shall be submitted, with applicable fees, to the Health Authority for review. This labeling requirement does not apply to customer order delivery or over the counter sales of food where a temporary bag, wrapper, or carry out box is used for short term containment or transport.

Additional information is available on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website www.cfsan.fda.gov.

<u>Basic Labeling Requirements</u> and pertinent sections of the SNHD, Regulations Governing the Sanitation of Food Establishments, in particular, section 3-602, Labeling.

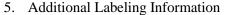
All required labeling information shall be printed prominently and conspicuously in ENGLISH. Print size should be no smaller than 1/16 of an inch based on the lower case letter "o" and include:

- 1. Statement of Identity
 - The common, usual name or descriptive identity of the packaged food prominently displayed on the Principle Display Panel (PDP)
- 2. Net Quantity of Contents
 - Net Weight in ounces, pounds, or grams,

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- Net Content in fluid ounces, pints or liters, or number of pieces
- 3. Ingredient Statement
 - A list of ingredients, in descending order of predominance by weight, including a declaration of artificial color or flavor, and chemical preservatives.
 - Now required: A declaration of each food Allergen
- 4. Manufacturer, Packer, or Distributor
 - Include name and place of business Example: Steve's Café

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Many types of food need additional labeling information such as:

- Nutritional labeling is required on some food such as infant formula.
- A 7 day "Use By" date on ready to eat Potentially Hazardous Food (PHF) when placed under refrigeration or a frozen PHF once pulled to thaw.
- A 14 day from the day of packaging "Discard Date" for Modified Atmospheric Packaged Food.
- Precautionary statements applicable to the food product, such as "Keep Refrigerated" or "Safe Handling Instructions" or warning statements as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture

If you have any questions, please contact the Southern Nevada Health District Environmental Health Division (702) 759-1110.

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