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Foreword

This standard replaces GB 7718–2004 General Standard for the Labeling of Prepackaged foods.

Compared to GB 7718–2004, the major changes are as follow:

- Modified the scope of application
- Modified the definition of prepackaged foods and producing date, added the definition of specifications, removed the definition of storage period.
- Modified the marking methods of food additives.
- Modified the marking methods of the name, address and contact of manufacturer and distributor.
- Modified the mandatory rule of the largest surface area of a package or container in the case that the minimum size of words, symbols and numerals is less than 1.8mm in height.
- Added the recommended labeling requirements when sensitizer may be contained in foods
- Modified the calculating methods of the largest surface area in Appendix A.
- Added Appendix B and Appendix C.

1 Scope

This standard applies to the labeling of prepackaged foods available directly and indirectly to consumers

This standard does not apply to food transportation and storage labels that protect prepackaged foods during storage and transportation and labels of bulk products and made-on-site foods.

2 Terms and definitions

2.1 Prepackaged foods

Prepackaged foods refer to foods that are quantitative prepackaged or packed in packaging materials and containers, including those quantitative prepackaged or packed in package materials and containers and carrying identical weight and volume identifiers within certain quantity limits.

2.2 Food labels

Food labels refer to words, graphs, symbols and any other specifications on food packages.

2.3 Ingredients

Ingredients refer to any substance exists (including those in the modified form) in the products used for production and process of foods, including food additives.

2.4 Date of manufacture

Date of manufacture refers to date when food becomes finished food, including packaging or filling date which means the date that food is packaged (filled) in packing materials or containers and thereby becomes the final sales unit.

2.5 Date of minimum durability (expiration date)

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of food additives declared in the list of ingredients shall be subject to the weight of the food additives to be included.

B.4.2 Whole labeling of the specific names of food additives

Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, phospholipid, polyglycerol polyricinoleate, flavoring essence, tartrazine), glucose syrup, food additives (propylene glycol esters of fatty acids, carrageenan, guar gum, annatto), maltodextrin and food flavoring.

B.4.3 Whole labeling of functional types and specific names of food additives

Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (322, 476), food fragrance, coloring agent (102)), glucose syrup, food additive (emulsifier (477), thickener (407, 412), coloring agent (160b)), maltodextrin and food flavoring.

B.4.4 Whole labeling of functional types and specific names of food additives

Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (phospholipid, polyglycerol polyricinoleate), food fragrance, coloring agent (tartrazine), glucose syrup, food additive (emulsifier (propylene glycol esters of fatty acids), thickener (carrageenan, guar gum), coloring agent (annatto)), maltodextrin and food flavoring.

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