

Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China

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Chapter 1: General Principles

Article 1 This Law is formulated to assure food safety and safeguard people's health and life.

Article 2 The following business activities carried out within the territory of the People's Republic of China shall abide by this law:

- 1) Food production and processing (hereinafter referred to as “food production”); food distribution and catering service (hereinafter referred to as “trading”);
- 2) Production and trading of food additives;
- 3) Production and trading of packing materials, containers, detergents/disinfectants for foods, as well as tools and equipment used in food production and trading (hereafter referred to as “food-related products”);
- 4) Food additives and food-related products used by food producers and traders;
- 5) Food storage, transportation, loading and unloading;
- 6) Safety management of food, food additives and food-related products.

The quality and safety management of primary agricultural products for consumption (hereinafter referred to as “edible agricultural products”) shall abide by the Law of the People's Republic of China on Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products. However, marketing and selling of edible agricultural products, developing relevant quality safety standards, publishing relevant safety information, and any stipulations on agricultural inputs shall be abide by this Law.

Article 3 Food safety work shall follow the principles of “putting prevention first, risk management, whole-process control, and making efforts by the whole society”, aiming to establish the science based and strict oversight system.

Article 4 Food producers and traders shall take responsibilities for food produced and traded.

- 6) Storage requirements;
- 7) Generic name of the food additives as used in the national standard;
- 8) Production License Number; and
- 9) Other information that must be indicated in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and food safety standards.

The labels of staple and supplementary food dedicated to infants and other specific populations shall also indicate main nutritional ingredients and their contents.

If the national food safety standard sets requirements on food labeling, such requirements shall be followed.

Article 68 Food traders, when selling bulk foods, shall indicate, on the container or the exterior package, information such as food name, production date or batch number, shelf life, as well as name, address and contact information of the producer.

Article 69 Production and trading of genetically modified food shall follow relevant regulations and label the products prominently.

Article 70 Food additives must be provided with a label, instructions and packaging. The instructions shall include the information required in Article 67.1.1~6, 8 and 9 of the Law and the scope of application, dosage levels, and application methods of the food additives, and the words “Food Additive” shall be indicated on the label.

Article 71 Labels, instructions and packaging of food and food additives shall not contain false information, nor shall they make statements about disease prevention and treatment functions. Food producers shall undertake liability for declarations on the label and instructions.

Labels and instructions of food and food additives shall be clear and easy to read

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