

## GENERAL FOOD LABELING REQUIREMENTS – USA

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## INTRODUCTION

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for assuring that foods sold in the United States are safe, wholesome and properly labeled. This applies to foods produced domestically, as well as foods from foreign countries. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) and the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act are the Federal laws governing food products under FDA's jurisdiction.

The Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA), which amended the FD&C Act requires most foods to bear nutrition labeling and requires food labels that bear nutrient content claims and certain health messages to comply with specific requirements.

### Labeling rules and standards

#### Subpart A-GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 101.1 Principal display panel of packageform food.

§ 101.2 Information panel of packageform food.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-2.pdf>

§ 101.3 Identity labeling of food inpackaged form.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-3.pdf>

§ 101.4 Food; designation of ingredients.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-4.pdf>

§ 101.5 Food; name and place of business of manufacturer, packer, or distributor

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-5.pdf>

§ 101.9 Nutrition labeling of food.

§ 101.10 Nutrition labeling of restaurant foods.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-9.pdf>

§ 101.12 Reference amounts customarily consumed per eating occasion.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-12.pdf>

§ 101.13 Nutrient content claims—general principles.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-13.pdf>

§ 101.14 Health claims: general requirements

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-14.pdf>

§ 101.15 Food; prominence of requiredstatements.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-15.pdf>

§ 101.17 Food labeling warning, notice, and safe handling statements.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-17.pdf>

§ 101.18 misbranding of food.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-18.pdf>

§ 101.30 Percentage juice declaration for foods purporting to be beverages that contain fruit or vegetable juice.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-30.pdf>

#### Subpart B—Specific Food Labeling Requirements

§ 101.22 Foods; labeling of spices, flavorings, colorings and chemical preservatives.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-22.pdf>

## Subpart C—Specific Nutrition Labeling Requirements and Guidelines

### § 101.36 Nutrition labeling of dietary supplements

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-36.pdf>

## Subpart D—Specific Requirements for Nutrient Content Claims

### § 101.54 Nutrient content claims for “good source,” “high,” “more,” and “high potency.”

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-54.pdf>

### § 101.56 Nutrient content claims for “light” or “lite.”

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-56.pdf>

### § 101.71 Health claims: claims not authorized.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-71.pdf>

### § 101.60 Nutrient content claims for the calorie content of foods

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-60.pdf>

### § 101.61 Nutrient content claims for the sodium content of foods.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-61.pdf>

### § 101.65 Implied nutrient content claims and related label statements.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-65.pdf>

## Subpart E—Specific Requirements for Health Claims

### § 101.72 Health claims: calcium, vitamin D, and osteoporosis.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-72.pdf>

### § 101.73 Health claims: dietary lipids and cancer.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-73.pdf>

### § 101.74 Health claims: sodium and hypertension.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-74.pdf>

### 101.75 Health claims: dietary saturated fat and cholesterol and risk of coronary heart disease.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-75.pdf>

### § 101.76 Health claims: fiber-containing grain products, fruits, and vegetables and cancer.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-76.pdf>

### § 101.77 Health claims: fruits, vegetables, and grain products that contain fiber, particularly soluble fiber, and risk of coronary heart disease.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-77.pdf>

### § 101.78 Health claims: fruits and vegetables and cancer.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-78.pdf>

### § 101.79 Health claims: Folate and neural tube defects.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-79.pdf>

### § 101.80 Health claims: dietary noncariogenic carbohydrate sweeteners and dental caries.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-80.pdf>

### § 101.81 Health claims: Soluble fiber from certain foods and risk of coronary heart disease (CHD).

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-81.pdf>

### § 101.83 Health claims: plant sterol/stanol esters and risk of coronary heart disease (CHD).

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-83.pdf>

## Subpart F—Specific Requirements for Descriptive Claims That Are Neither Nutrient Content Claims nor Health Claims

### § 101.95 “Fresh,” “freshly frozen,” “fresh frozen,” “frozen fresh.”

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-95.pdf>

## Subpart G—Exemptions From Food Labeling Requirements

### § 101.105 Declaration of net quantity of contents when exempt

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title21-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title21-vol2-sec101-105.pdf>  
 FDA graphic example of a nutritional facts table

Examples of Graphic Enhancements used by the FDA

Annotations on the left side of the table:

- Helvetica Regular 8 point with 1 point of leading
- 3 point rule
- 8 point Helvetica Black with 4 points of leading
- 1/4 point rule centered between nutrients (2 points leading above and 2 points below)
- 8 point Helvetica Regular with 4 points of leading
- 8 point Helvetica Regular, 4 points of leading with 10 point bullets.

Annotations on the right side of the table:

- Franklin Gothic Heavy or Helvetica Black, flush left & flush right, no smaller than 13 point
- 7 point rule
- 6 point Helvetica Black
- All labels enclosed by 1/2 point box rule within 3 points of text measure
- 1/4 point rule
- Type below vitamins and minerals (footnotes) is 6 point with 1 point of leading

Amount Per Serving		% Daily Values*	
<b>Calories 280</b>		<b>Calories from Fat 120</b>	
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<b>Total Fat</b> 13g			<b>26%</b>
Saturated Fat 6g			<b>12%</b>
Trans Fat 0g			
<b>Cholesterol</b> 30mg			<b>10%</b>
<b>Sodium</b> 600mg			<b>20%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 31g			<b>10%</b>
Dietary Fiber 0g			<b>0%</b>
Sugars 5g			
<b>Protein</b> 5g			
Vitamin A 4%		Vitamin C 2%	
Calcium 15%		Iron 4%	
*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's misdeeds.			
	Gender	5,000	2,800
Total Fat:	Less than	5g	3%
Sat Fat:	Less than	7g	14%
Cholesterol:	Less than	200mg	50%
Sod. M.	Less than	1,400mg	350%
Total Carbohydrate:	Less than	30g	10%
Dietary Fiber:	Less than	25g	50%

Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-282, Title II)  
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/LabelingNutrition/FoodAllergensLabeling/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm106187.htm>