

# **STANDARD 1.2.9**

## **LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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### **Purpose**

This Standard sets out general and specific legibility requirements for the labelling of packaged and unpackaged foods.

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### **Clauses**

#### **1 Interpretation**

In this Standard –

**size of type** means the measurement from the base to the top of a letter or numeral.

#### **2 General requirements**

(1) Unless otherwise expressly permitted by this Code, each word, statement, expression or design prescribed to be contained, written or set out in a label must, wherever occurring, be so contained, written or set out legibly and prominently such as to afford a distinct contrast to the background, and in the English language.

#### **Editorial note:**

The requirements of this Standard will not be met where prescribed information is placed other than on the outside of a package where it is readily accessible by a consumer prior to purchase, and during the life of the product, and not obscured by an outer covering. The requirements of this Standard will also not be met where prescribed information is printed in a small font so the statement cannot be read easily.

(2) Where a language other than English is used in addition to the English language on a label on a package of food or in association with a display of food the information in that language must not negate or contradict the information on the label in the English language.

#### **3 Legibility requirements for warning statements**

Unless otherwise prescribed in this Code, each word, statement, expression or design prescribed to be contained, written or set out in a warning statement on a label must, wherever occurring, be so contained, written or set out -

- (a) in a size of type of not less than 3 mm; or
- (b) in the case of a small package, in a size of type of not less than 1.5 mm.

#### **Editorial note:**

Standard 1.1.1 provides definitions of 'warning statement' and 'small package'.

## Amendment History

The Amendment History provides information about each amendment to the Standard. The information includes commencement or cessation information for relevant amendments.

These amendments are made under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* unless otherwise indicated. Amendments do not have a specific date for cessation unless indicated as such.

### About this compilation

This is a compilation of Standard 1.2.9 as in force on **30 October 2014** (up to Amendment No. 150). It includes any commenced amendment affecting the compilation to that date.

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ad = added or inserted	am = amended
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rs = repealed and substituted	

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2(1)	150	F2014L01427 28 Oct 2014 FSC92 30 Oct 2014	30 Oct 2014	am	Correction of typographical error in paragraph (b).
2(2)	101	F2008L03058 14 Aug 2008 FSC 43 14 Aug 2008	14 Aug 2008	rep	Editorial note following subclause.
3	124	F2011L01450 8 July 2011 FSC 66 11 July 2011	11 July 2011	am	Correction of typographical errors in paragraphs (a) and (9b).
3	124	F2011L01450 8 July 2011 FSC 66 11 July 2011	11 July 2011	rs	Editorial note following clause.

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