

LABELLING OF FOOD PRODUCTS IN VIETNAM



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DMK is known as Germany's largest dairy group with 7,500 employees and more than 20 production plants. DMK Deutsches Milchkontor GmbH opened a subsidiary in Vietnam on February 23, 2023, after more than 5 years of accessing the market through local distributors.

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SONG TRAN SG Service Company

Song Tran SG is one of small Vietnamese service companies who experienced in providing assistance and consultant service for local importers to do registration for their imported products.



around 5,200 dairy farmers



7,500 employees



More than 20 sites worldwide



5.5 billion euros in turnover

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Regulations on labeling of food products

Regulations on labels, secondary labels (sub-labels) of imported goods are based on the following documents:

- Decree 43/2017/ND-CP on goods labels
- Decree 111/2021/ND-CP amending Decree 43/2017/ND-CP on goods labels

Regulations on labeling of food products

Food and nutrition labels must bear the following information in

Vietnamese:

1. Product name
2. Details of ingredients of product (for food)
3. Production date (format DD-MM-YY)
4. Expiry or use-by date (format DD-MM-YY)
5. Instructions for use and storage (for food)
6. Recommendations or warnings about food safety, if applicable.
7. Name of the person and organization responsible for the product (both manufacturer and importer)
8. Country of origin
9. Number of the certificate of conformity for food safety or declaration of conformity



Regulations on secondary label of food products imported into Vietnam

- Secondary labels are labels showing mandatory contents translated from the original labels of goods in a foreign language into Vietnamese.
- Additional information must be according to Vietnamese law that the original label of the goods is missing.
- The content written in Vietnamese must correspond to the content written on the original label.



Origin of goods

In Clause 7, Article 1 of Decree No. 111/2021/ND-CP (Amendment and supplement to Article 15 of Decree No. 43/2017/ND-CP) on origin of goods:

In case the origin of goods cannot be determined, write the place where the final stage of finishing the goods is produced. Expressed by one or a combination of phrases describing the finishing stage of goods as follows: “assembled at”, “bottled at”, “mixed at”, “finished at”, “packed at”, “labelled at” with the name of the country where the final finishing work is made.

Mandatory information on label by product nature/category



Beverages



Alcoholic beverages



Beverages

1. Volume/packing description;
2. Date of manufacture;
3. Expiry date;
4. Ingredients and their volume
5. Warning information;
6. Instructions for use;
7. Instructions for storage.



Mandatory information on label by product nature/category



Supplementary foods



Food Additives



Supplementary foods

- ❑ Organizations and individuals responsible for goods must show nutritional values on their labels to ensure that they show the nutritional value ranges in compliance with relevant laws and applicable published standards.
- ❑ Where a specific value is expressed, enter the average value of the nutritional value range.

Food Additives

1. Volume;
2. Date of manufacture; Expiry date;
3. Quantitative ingredients;
4. Instructions for use and storage;
5. Write the phrase: “Food additives” for the group of food additives;
6. Write the phrase: “Food processing aids” for the group of food processing aids;
7. Information and warnings (if any).
 Food additives must contain the addition "food additive" and contain information on the scope, dosage and use.



 BỘT LÒNG TRẮNG TRỨNG EGG WHITE	
Tên sản phẩm	BỘT LÒNG TRẮNG TRỨNG
Thành phần	Trong 100 gam bột có chứa: - Protein 80% - Lipid 0.7% - Độ ẩm <5% - Năng lượng 350kcal
Xuất xứ	Việt Nam
Công Dụng	- Sử dụng làm phụ gia thực phẩm - Sử dụng tăng cơ bắp cho vận động viên - Sử dụng ăn kiêng, giảm cân
Khối lượng tịnh	1 kg
Hướng dẫn sử dụng	Tùy theo hướng dẫn của nhà sản xuất, chuyên gia và bác sĩ
Bảo quản	Nơi khô mát, tránh ánh nắng mặt trời
Ngày sản xuất	19/07/2022. Lô 0222
Hạn sử dụng	02 năm kể từ NSX
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Mandatory information on label by product nature/category



Irradiated food



Genetically modified food



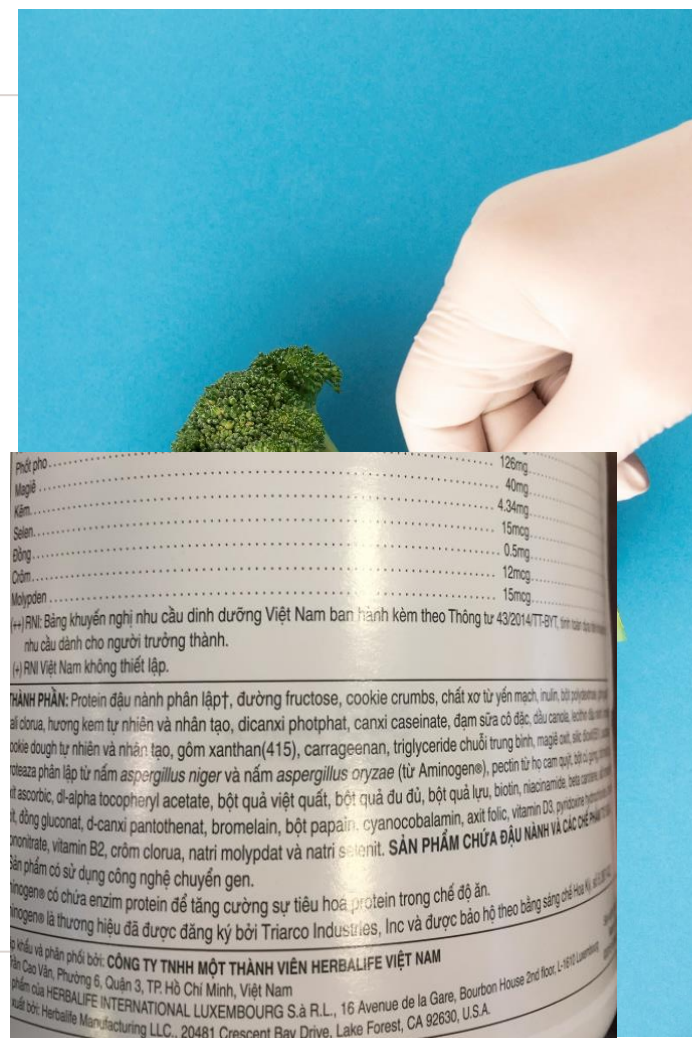
Irradiated food



1. Volume;
2. Date of manufacture;
3. Expiry date;
4. Composition or ingredient volume;
5. Warning information;
6. Write the phrase: “Irradiated food”.

Genetically modified food

1. Quantitative;
2. Date of manufacture;
3. Expiry date;
4. Composition or ingredient quantity;
5. Warning information;
6. Write the phrase: “Genetically modified food” or “Genetically modified” next to the name of the genetically modified ingredient and the content.



Genetically modified food

- ❑ Special provisions applied to prepack genetically modified foods that contain at least one genetically modified ingredient that makes up more than 5% of the total amount of ingredients.
- ❑ The name of the genetically modified ingredients must include the addition “genetically modified” on the product label.

Mandatory information on label by product nature/category



Micronutrients

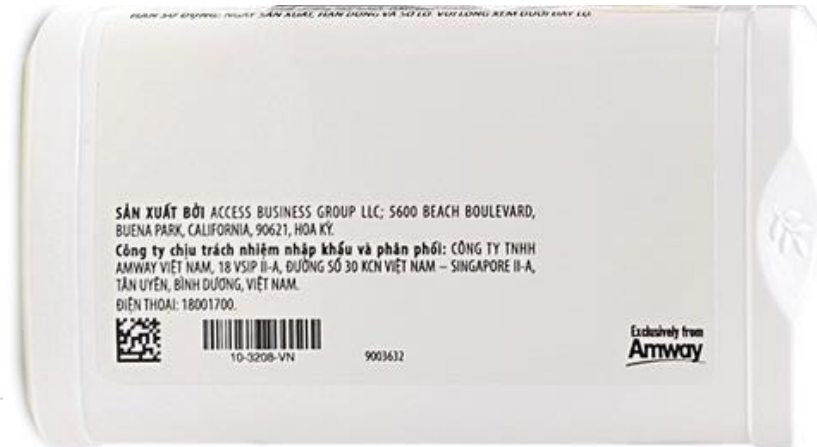
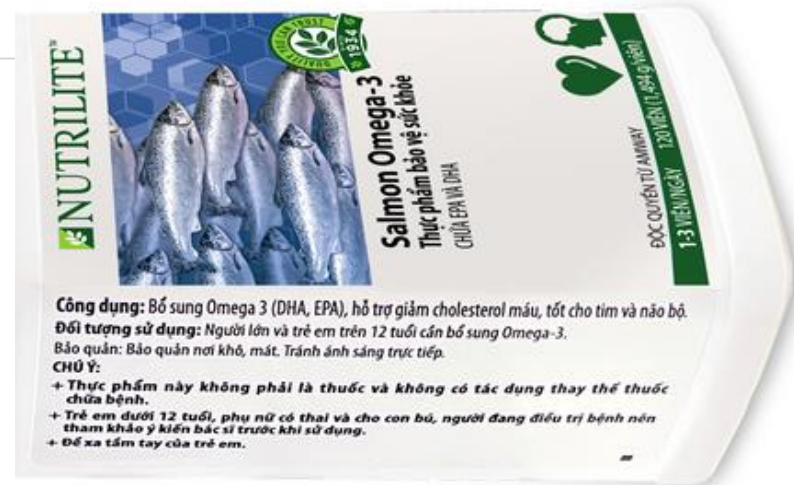


Food Ingredients



Micronutrients

1. Volume;
2. Date of manufacture;
3. Ingredient/composition;
4. Instructions for use
5. Instructions for storage;
6. Write the phrase: “For food”.



Food Ingredients

1. Name of the material;
2. Volume;
3. Date of manufacture;
4. Expiry date;
5. Instructions for use and storage.



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Thành phần
Dầu Ôliu (7%), dầu cải (93%), Chất
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Q&A

Imported product registration

The (secondary/ sub) label must be consistent with its product registration/declaration. The imported products must be registered into following groups of procedure:

- Procedures applied for product self-declaration:
 - Pre-packaged processed foods, food additives, food processing aid
- Procedures applied for registration of the product declaration
 - Dietary supplements, medical foods, food for special dietary uses.
 - Dietary products for children up to 36 months.
 - Mixed food additives with new uses, food additives that are not on the list of permitted food additives or not used for intended foods as prescribed by the Ministry of Health

The procedures are handled by importers. As exporters, you are requested to provide local importers related documents, labels, samples so that they can do local testing, declaration, etc. and make Vietnamese sub-labels

Points for consideration

- Note that importers have to open each carton to do the sub-labeling on each individual unit and pack it again
- Is it costly to have sub/secondary labels to be printed and stuck in Vietnam?
- Can you do the Vietnamese label information designed/printed on the packaging?
- Can you do the sticker/ sublabel printed and stuck in your factory?
- How big is your production minimum order quantity?
- What and how a (sub) label will be approved?



THANK YOU!

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Sharing of experience on food trade, import and handling of label problems

1. If the goods is prepacked food, food additive, or food processing aid, the height of words expressing mandatory label content shall not be lower than 1.2 mm. If one surface area of the container reserved for labeling (excluding the lap at the margin) is less than 80cm², the height of words shall not be lower than 0.9mm.
2. Ingredients to be presented shall include names of materials, including additives which are used in the manufacture and present in the final product although possibly in a modified form.
If the names of ingredients are shown on labels of goods for the purpose of attracting attention to the goods, the quantities of such ingredients must be shown, except for the case prescribed in Clause 4 Article 13 of this Decree.
Example: Name of product “Kiwi syrup”
Composition: “Sugar, pure water, kiwi extract (10%),. . . .”
3. For foodstuffs, their ingredients must be listed in descending order predominance by weight.
4. For ingredients or substances in compound ingredients of goods of special categories which contain preservatives with prescribed dosage and included on the list of those which may be allergic or harmful to humans, animals and the environment, the names of preservatives accompanying these ingredients must be shown