

The Regulations of Labeling for Vacuum Packed Food

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- I. The competent authority: Department of Health (DOH), Executive Yuan
- II. Basis for the enactment: The stipulations in Clause 6, Item 1, Article 17 of the Act Governing Food Sanitation.
- III. Announcement of “The Regulations of Labeling for Vacuum Packed Food”
 - (1) Labeling content: If the vacuum packed ready-to-eat food is stored in cold storage or refrigeration, the label “stored in cold storage” or “stored in refrigeration” shall be marked on it. The vacuum packed not ready-to-eat food (except fresh agricultural, animal and fishery products) shall be marked the label “It is not ready to eat. It shall be heated adequately before eating.”
 - (2) Position of the labeling: The label should be marked on the easily-seen area of the front side on the outer package of the smallest selling unit.
 - (3) Typeface of the labeled words: The typeface of the labeled words “stored in cold storage” or “stored in refrigeration” should not be smaller than 1cm both in length and width; the typeface of the labeled words “It is not ready to eat. It shall be heated adequately before eating.” should not be smaller than 0.5cm both in length and width.
 - (4) Other items: The typeface color of the words “stored in cold storage”, “stored in refrigeration” or “It is not ready to eat. It shall be heated adequately before eating.” should be obviously different from the background color of the product’s outer package, for the sake of easy identification.