

Our Ref: (13) in FEHD/CFS 3/10/55/1 V

29 January 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

- (1) Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Requirements for Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition Claim) Regulation 2008**
(2) Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 2008
(Amendment to the Chinese rendition of "Use by" date)

The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling)(Amendment: Requirements for Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition Claim) Regulation 2008 ("the Amendment Regulation") was enacted by the Legislative Council on 28 May 2008 and will take effect on **1 July 2010**. As a manufacturer/importer/vendor, you are advised to ensure that all prepackaged foods sold by you, unless otherwise exempted, are in compliance with the Amendment Regulation by 1 July 2010. For details on the Amendment Regulation, you may browse the website of the Centre for Food Safety at <http://www.cfs.gov.hk> and refer to the relevant "Legislative Council Brief" and also the "Technical Guidance Notes on Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition claims".

If you are a manufacturer or importer of any prepackaged food with annual sales volume not exceeding 30,000 units and not carrying any nutrition claim, you may apply for exemption from nutrition labelling under the "Small Volume Exemption Scheme". This exemption is subject to approval of this department and observance of certain conditions. For details on the Scheme, you may also browse the above website.

On the other hand, please note that the amendment to the Chinese rendition of the "Use by" date in the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations will also take effect on **1 July 2010**. The amendment aims to replace the wordings "此日期前食用" under Regulation 5(1A) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the said Regulations by "此日期或之前食用". For details, you may also browse the above website. You are advised to ensure that all prepackaged foods sold by you adopting "Use by" date have changed to the new wordings by the same date.

If you have further enquiry, you are welcome to contact Senior Health Inspector (Food Labelling), Mr. WO Yau-yin at 3962 2041 or Mr. LEUNG Size-chau at 3962 2042.

Yours sincerely,



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先生／女士：

- (1) 《2008 年食物及藥物(成分組合及標籤)(修訂：關於營養標籤及營養聲稱的規定)規例》
(修訂：關於營養標籤及營養聲稱的規定)規例》
- (2) 《2008 年成文法(雜項規定)條例》
(修訂有關“此日期前食用”的字句)

《2008 年食物及藥物(成分組合及標籤)(修訂：關於營養標籤及營養聲稱的規定)規例》(《修訂規例》)已於二零零八年五月二十八日獲立法會通過，並將於二零一零年七月一日生效。作為製造商／進口商／銷售商，你應確保所售賣的所有預先包裝食物在二零一零年七月一日或之前符合《修訂規例》的規定，但獲得豁免者則除外。有關《修訂規例》的詳情，請登入食物安全中心網頁(<http://www.cfs.gov.hk>)，參閱相關的“立法會參考資料摘要”和“營養標籤及營養聲稱技術指引”。

如屬於在本港每年銷售量不超過 30 000 件以及沒有附有任何營養聲稱的預先包裝食物的製造商或進口商，你可根據“少量豁免制度”申請豁免遵從營養標籤規定。這項豁免須經本署批准，而豁免享有人亦須遵從若干條件。有關“少量豁免制度”的詳情，請瀏覽上述網頁。

另一方面，請注意，《食物及藥物(成分組合及標籤)規例》內有關“此日期前食用”字句的修訂亦會在二零一零年七月一日生效。有關修訂旨在把上述規例第 5(1A)條及附表 3 第 4 段中“此日期前食用”字句一律改為“此日期或之前食用”。有關詳情，請瀏覽上述網頁。你應確保所售賣的所有採用“此日期前食用”日期的預先包裝食物在二零一零年七月一日或之前改用新的字句。

如欲進一步查詢，歡迎致電高級衛生督察(食物標籤)胡有賢先生(電話：3962 2041)或梁仕秋先生(電話：3962 2042)。

食物環境衛生署署長

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