**Quality Labeling Standard for Processed Foods**

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2) Notification No. 1336 of September 28, 2001;
3) Notification No. 1108 of July 31, 2003;
4) Notification No. 1402 of September 28, 2003;
5) Notification No. 1360 of July 14, 2004;
6) Notification No. 1705 of September 14, 2004;
7) Notification No. 1512 of October 5, 2005;
8) Notification No. 210 of February 28, 2006;
9) Notification No. 909 of June 30, 2006;
10) Notification No. 1051 of August 1, 2006;
11) and 12) Notifications No. 1463 and 1464 of October 27, 2006;
13) Notification No. 1172 of October 1, 2007;
14) Notification No. 1370 of November 6, 2007;
15) Notification No. 1488 of November 27, 2007; and
16) Notification No. 125 of January 31, 2008.

(Scope of application)

**Article 1.** This standard shall apply to all processed foods. Processed foods for non-institutional use are limited to those in containers or packages.

(Definitions of terms)

**Article 2.** Terms in this standard are defined as below.

| Term | Definition |
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| Processed foods | Manufactured or processed foods and beverages listed in Attached Table 1. |

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| Processed foods for institutional use | Processed foods other than those sold to general consumers. |
| Best before | The date which signifies the end of the period under any stated storage conditions during which the product will retain any specific qualities. However, beyond the date the food quality may still be satisfactory. |
| Use-by date | The date which signifies the end of the estimated period under any stated storage conditions during which there will be no danger of health risks by quality deterioration such as rotting. |

(Mandatory labeling items)

**Article 3.** Manufacturers, processors/packers, importers or distributors (hereinafter referred to as “manufacturers, etc.”) shall label the following items on containers or packages of processed foods other than those for institutional use (hereinafter the same in articles 3 and 4). Where manufacturers, etc. manufacture or process foods and sell them directly to general consumers or offer them for drinking and eating at facilities, those processed foods need not be labeled.

(1) Name;

(2) Names of ingredients;

(3) Net contents;

(4) Best before;

(5) Storage instruction; and

(6) Name or trade name and address of manufacturer, etc.

2. With regard to processed foods with liquid medium packed in cans or bottles other than those of which drained weight is difficult to control, manufacturers, etc. shall label the drained weight and the total quantity of contents in item 3 of the preceding paragraph, except for cases where the drained weight and the total quantity of contents are nearly the same or the purpose of packing liquid medium is to protect the contents.

3. With regard to solid foods with liquid medium packed in containers or packages other than cans or bottles, manufacturers, etc. shall label the drained weight instead of item 3 in paragraph 1.

4. With regard to the products that should be consumed immediately after manufactured due to their fast-changing quality, manufacturers, etc. shall label the use-by date instead of item 4 in paragraph 1.

5. Manufacturers, etc. shall label places of origins of ingredients in addition to the items in paragraph 1 on the packages or containers of processed foods listed in Attached Table 2 other than imports (hereafter “processed foods under the coverage”).

6. With regard to imports, manufacturers, etc. shall label the country of origin in addition to the items in paragraph 1.

7. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 1, labeling of items in the right columns may be omitted for corresponding categories of foods below.

| Categories | Labeling items |
|---|---|
| Those of which total surface of the container or package is no more than 30cm$^2$ | Names of ingredients; best before or use-by date; storage instructions, and place of origin of ingredient |
| Those for institutional use made from only a single ingredient (other than canned and meat products) | Names of ingredients |
| Those of which net contents are easily identifiable, except the specified commodities listed under article 5 of the Government Ordinance for the Measurement Concerning Sale of Specified Commodities (Government Ordinance No. 249 of 1993) | Net contents |
| Those whose qualities do not deteriorate quickly and are listed in Attached Table 3 | Best before; and storage instructions |
| Those without specific storage instructions other than storing at the normal temperature | Storage instructions |

(Labeling method of processed foods)

**Article 4.** Manufacturers shall comply with the provisions below for labeling as provided in article 3: items 1 through 6 in paragraph 1; the drained weight and the total quantity of contents in paragraph 2; the drained weight in paragraph 3; the use-by date in paragraph 4; and place of origin of ingredient in paragraph 5.

(1) Name

The name shall be labeled with a generic name expressing the product content. Any processed foods other than those listed in left columns of Attached Table 4 shall not carry the names in right columns.

(2) Names of ingredients

Names of ingredients shall be labeled in accordance with the classification a) and b) as below.

a). Names of ingredients other than food additives shall be labeled with the most generic names: in the descending order by weight. Labeling of ingredients made from no less than two ingredients (hereafter “compound ingredients”) shall follow as provided below:

i) The name of the mentioned compound ingredient shall be followed by its component ingredients with the most generic names in parentheses in the descending order by weight in the mentioned compound ingredient. Where the compound ingredient consists of no less than three ingredients, the ingredients which are ranked below third in weight and consist less than 5% by the total weight of the mentioned compound ingredient may be labeled as “others”.

ii) The names of ingredients of the mentioned compound ingredient may be omitted, if the weight of the compound ingredient in the total ingredients of the product is less than 5% or the names of ingredients are easily identified from the name of the compound ingredient.

b). Names of food additives shall be labeled in the descending order by weight in the total ingredients, pursuant to the provisions of article 21, paragraph 1, items 1-(ホ) and 2, paragraph 11 and 12 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Food Sanitation Law (Ordinance No.23 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of 1948).

c). Notwithstanding the provision of a) above, the products in left columns of the following table may be labeled with names in the corresponding right columns.

| Categories | Names |
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| Edible oils and fats | “Vegetable oil”; “vegetable fat” or “vegetable oil and fat”; “animal oil”; “animal fat” or “animal oil and fat”; “processed oil”; or, “processed fat” or “processed oil and fat” |
| Starch | “Starch” |
| Fish and fish meat, where a name of a specific kind of fish is not labeled | “Fish” or “Fish meat” |
| Poultry meat, where a name of a specific kind of poultry is not labeled. Meat products excluded. | “Poultry meat” |
| Dextrose anhydrous, dextrose monohydrate and total sugar glucose | “Glucose” |
| Glucose and fructose corn syrup, fructose and glucose corn syrup and high fructose corn syrup | “Isomerized corn syrup” |
| Sugar added: glucose and fructose syrup; fructose and glucose corn syrup; and high fructose corn syrup | “Sugar added isomerized corn syrup” or “Sugar/isomerized corn syrup” |
| Spices and spice extract other than listed on the “List of the Existing Food Additives” (Notification No. 120 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of 1996), of which weight is no more than 2% in total ingredients. | “Spice” or “mixed spice” |
| Savory herbs, garnishes and their processed products, of which weight is no more than 2% in total ingredients. | “Herb” or “mixed herb” |
| Fruits penetrated with syrup, of which weight is no more than 10% in total ingredients | “Candied fruit” |
| Side dishes in lunch box, of which ingredients are identifiable by their appearance | “*Okazu*” |

d). Where organic products of plant origin which are certified as organic in accordance with article 14 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (Law No. 175 of 1950; hereinafter referred to as “the Law”) are used as

ingredients, those ingredients may be labeled as “organic”. Organic plants are those provided under article 3 of the Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Plants (Notification No. 1605 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 27, 2005). Organic processed foods of plant origin are those provided by article 3 of the Japanese Agricultural Standard of Organic Processed Foods of Plant Origin (Notification No. 1606 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 27, 2005).

(3) Net contents

Net contents of the specified commodities provided by article 5 of the Government Ordinance for the Measurement Concerning Sale of Specified Commodities shall be labeled in accordance with the provisions of the Measurement Law (Law No. 51 of 1992), and those of the other products shall be labeled with weight in grams or kilograms, volume in milliliters or liters, and quantity in numbers with a clear indication of the unit.

(4) Drained weight

Drained weight shall be labeled in grams or kilograms with a clear indication of the unit.

(5) Total quantity of contents

Total quantity of contents shall be labeled in grams or kilograms with a clear indication of the unit.

(6) Use-by date or best before

Use-by date or best before shall be labeled as provided below:

a). With regard to a product with no more than three months from the date of manufacture to the use-by date or best before, the use-by date or best before shall be labeled by any of the following examples. Where it is difficult to print dots “.” in cases of ii), iii) or iv), dots may be omitted. In this case, zero shall be filled in second digit if the month or day is a one-digit number.

i) 平成12年4月1日
ii) 12.4.1
iii) 2000.4.1
iv) 00.4.1

b). With regard to a product with no less than three months from the date of manufacture to the best before, the best before shall be labeled as provided below:

i) Labeling shall be made by any of the following examples. Where it is difficult to print dots

"." in cases of (b), (c) or (d), dots may be omitted. In this case, zero shall be filled in second digit if the month or day is a one-digit number.

(a) 平成12年4月1日

(b) 12.4

(c) 2000.4

(d) 00.4

ii) Notwithstanding provision of i), the best before may be labeled as provided in a) above.

(7) Storage instructions

Storage instructions shall be labeled such as "Avoid the direct sunshine and store at the normal temperature", "Store below 10°C", etc. according to the property of the product.

(8) Place of origin of ingredient

Place of origin of a main ingredient shall be labeled for processed foods under the coverage as provided below. The main ingredient is a fresh food which has the largest percent by weight and of which weight is no less than 50% in total ingredients. Fresh foods are those provided under Article 2 of the Quality Labeling Standard for Fresh Foods (Notification No. 514 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of March 31, 2000).

a). "Domestically produced" shall be labeled on domestic products, while "country of origin" shall be labeled on imports. The following names of places may be substituted for labeling as "domestic":

i) Agricultural products

Name of prefecture or other generally known name of place;

ii) Livestock products

Name of prefecture or other generally known name of its main growing location; and

iii) Marine products

Name of water area where the product has been produced, collected or caught (hereinafter referred to as "name of water area"); name of port where the product has been landed; or name of prefecture or other generally known name which the port or main fish farm belongs to.

b). Imported marine products may be labeled with the name of water area in addition to the country of origin.

c). Where the main ingredient has no less than two places of origins, the names of places shall be labeled in the descending order by weight in the total ingredients.

d). Where the main ingredient has no less than three places of origins, the names of no less than two places shall be labeled in the descending order by weight in the total ingredients, and the

names of other places may be categorized as “others”.

e). Where there are specific reasons, the roughly identified place shall be labeled in accordance with the provisions of a to d above. In this case, that effect shall be labeled so that consumers are able to recognize the fact.

(9) Names and addresses of manufacturers, etc.

The names and addresses of manufacturers, etc. who are in charge of labeling shall be labeled.

2 Labeling all the items provided by article 3 shall be labeled on an identifiable place of the container or package provided as below. Where the container or package is wrapped by paper or put in a paper box, etc., necessary items shall be labeled on the container or package:

with transparent wrapping paper or paper box, etc; or

without covered by wrapping paper or paper box, etc.

(1) Items shall be labeled in accordance with Attached Form. Labeling mandatory items in an understandable manner equivalent to labeling in accordance with Attached Form is permitted.

(2) The color of letters and frames for labeling shall be in contrast to those of the background.

(3) The letters for labeling shall be an uniformed size with no less than 8 point as provided in the Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS) Z8305 (1962). 5.5 point as provided in JIS Z8305 (1962) may be used with respect to products with no more than the labeling area of approximately 150 $cm^2$.

(4) The name may be labeled on a principal panel of the product notwithstanding the provision of item 1. In this case, the weight may be labeled on the principle panel with the name.

(5) Notwithstanding the provision of item 1, names of ingredients may be labeled in other places by indicating the place in a collective label, where they are difficult to be labeled with other mandatory items.

(6) Notwithstanding the provision of item 1, the net content may be labeled in other places by indicating the place in a collective label, where it is difficult to be labeled with other mandatory items.

(7) Notwithstanding the provision of item 1, the use-by date or the best before may be labeled in other places by indicating the place in a collective label, where it is difficult to be labeled with other mandatory items. In this case, the storage instruction may be labeled in a close proximity to the use-by date or best before by indicating the place in a collective label.

(8) Places of origins of ingredient shall be labeled in corresponding to the main ingredient and

may be labeled in parentheses after the name of main ingredient if necessary.

(9) Notwithstanding the provision of item 1, the names of places of origins of ingredient may be labeled in other places by indicating the place in a collective label, where they are difficult to be labeled with other mandatory labeling items.

3 Places of origins of other ingredients for the processed foods under the coverage, places of origins of ingredients for those other than under the coverage may be labeled in accordance with the provision of paragraph 1 item 8, a) to e) In this case, the term of “main ingredient” shall read as “ingredient.”

4 The provision of paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis for labeling of place of origin of ingredient in paragraph 3. In this case, the term “names of places of origins of main ingredient” in paragraph 2 item 8 shall read as “names of places of origins of ingredients.”

(Method of labeling of processed foods for institutional use)
**Article 4-2.** Manufacturers, etc. shall label the items as provided below for processed foods for institutional use on containers, packages, invoices, delivery statements attached to products or specifications. (Specifications are limited to those not directly attached to products, but must be identified as such by containers, packages, invoices or delivery statements.) Where processed foods for institutional use are used for ingredients for the processed foods: which are sold to general consumers at the place of manufacture or production; or which are offered for eating or drinking at facilities, those processed foods need not be labeled.

(1) Name;
(2) Names of ingredients; and
(3) Name or trade name and address of manufacturer, etc.

2. The definition of “processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling” is those used for processed foods under the coverage other than those used for processed foods which are sold to general consumers at the place of manufacture or production; and for drinking or eating at facilities. Manufacturers, etc. shall label place of origin of ingredient in addition to items provided by paragraph 1 on containers, packages, invoices, delivery statements or specifications for processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling which contain the main ingredient of the processed foods under the coverage.

3. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 1, items provided by article 13, paragraph 1 of

the Measurement Law, article 21 of the Enforcement Regulation of the Food Sanitation Law and article 7 of the Ministerial Ordinance of Standardizations of Milk and Milk Products (Ordinance No. 52 of Ministry of Health and Welfare of 1951) shall be labeled.

4. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 1, labeling of names of ingredients provided by paragraph 1, item 2 and names of places of origins of ingredients by paragraph 2 may be omitted for processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling which are used for processed foods of which total surface of the container or package is no more than 30cm2. Labeling of names of ingredients provided by paragraph 1, item 2 may be omitted for processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling which are made from only a single ingredient.

5. Manufacturers, etc. shall label ingredients of processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling as provided below.

(1) Names of ingredients other than food additives shall be labeled with the most generic names in a manner in which the order by weight is identifiable. However, those which are used for ingredients for compound ingredients of processed foods which may be labeled as “others” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, a), i) may be labeled as “others”.

(2) Labeling of ingredients may be omitted for those which are used as ingredients of compound ingredients of processed foods for which labeling of ingredients may be omitted in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, a), ii).

(3) Labeling of compound ingredients other than food additives shall follow as below:

i) The name of mentioned compound ingredient shall be followed by its component ingredients with the most generic names in parenthesis in the descending order by weight. However, those which are used for ingredients for compound ingredients of processed foods which may be labeled as “others” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, a), i) may be labeled “others”.

ii) Where ingredients are used for compound ingredients of processed foods which may be labeled as “others” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, a), i) above, those ingredients may be omitted.

(4) Names of food additives shall be labeled in the descending order by weight in the total ingredients in a manner in which the order by weight is identifiable for processed foods for institutional use, in accordance with article 21, paragraph 1, items 1-(ホ) and 2, paragraph 11 and 12 of the Enforcement Regulations of the Food Sanitation Law.

(5) Notwithstanding of the provisions from items 1 to 3, those which fall under the categories in the left columns below may be labeled with the names in the corresponding right columns.

| Categories | Names |
|---|---|
| Edible oils and fats | “Vegetable oil”; “vegetable fat” or “vegetable oil and fat”; “animal oil”; “animal fat” or “animal oil and fat”; “processed oil”; or, “processed fat” or “processed oil and fat” |
| Starch | “Starch” |
| Fish and fish meat, where a name of a specific kind of fish is not labeled | “Fish” or “Fish meat” |
| Poultry meat, where a name of a specific kind of poultry is not labeled. Meat products excluded. | “Poultry meat” |
| Dextrose anhydrous, dextrose monohydrate and total sugar glucose | “Glucose” |
| Glucose and fructose corn syrup, fructose and glucose corn syrup and high fructose corn syrup | “Isomerized corn syrup” |
| Sugar added: glucose and fructose syrup; fructose and glucose corn syrup; and high fructose corn syrup | “Sugar added isomerized corn syrup” or “Sugar/isomerized corn syrup” |
| Spice and spice extract (limited to those used for ingredients of processed foods labeled as “spice” or “mixed spice” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, c)) | “Spice” or “mixed spice” |
| Savory herbs, garnishes (limited to those used for ingredients of processed foods labeled as “herb” or “mixed herb” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, c)) | “Herb” or “mixed herb” |
| Fruits penetrated with syrup (limited to those used for ingredients of processed foods labeled as “candied fruit” in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 2, c)) | “Candied fruit” |
| Side dishes in lunch box, of which ingredients are identifiable by their appearance | “*Okazu*” |

(6) Where organic products of plant origin which are certified as organic in accordance with article 14 of the Law are used as ingredients, those ingredients may be labeled as “organic”.

6. The definition of “processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling of origin of ingredient” in this paragraph is processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling which are used for processed foods under the coverage and contain the main ingredient of the processed foods under the coverage. For processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling of origin of ingredient, places of origins of other ingredients than main ingredient may be labeled; and for processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling other than those subject to labeling of origin of ingredient, places of origins of ingredients may be labeled in accordance with paragraph 1, item 8, a. to e. In this case, the term of “main ingredient” in item 8, c. to e. shall be read as “ingredient.”

7. Places of origins of ingredient under item 6 shall be labeled in corresponding to each ingredient and may be labeled in parentheses after the name of ingredient if necessary.

8. The provisions of paragraph article 3, paragraph 6 and article 4, paragraph 1 (other than item 2) shall apply mutatis mutandis for processed foods for institutional use subject to labeling. The terms in the middle columns provided in the corresponding left columns shall read as the terms in the corresponding right columns below.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| article 3, paragraph 6 | imports | imports other than those of which characteristics are changed after imported |
| | or packages | or packages, invoices, delivery statements attached to products or specifications. (Specifications are limited to those not directly attached to products, but must be identified as such by containers, packages, invoices or delivery statements.) |
| article 4, paragraph 1 | items 1 through 6; the drained weight and the total quantity of contents in paragraph 2; the drained weight in paragraph 3 | items 1 through 6 |

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|---|---|---|
| article 4, paragraph 1, item 8 | processed foods under the coverage | processed foods for institutional use which are used for processed foods listed in Attached Table 2 other than imports (hereafter "the processed foods under the coverage") and contain the main ingredient of the processed foods under the coverage, other than those used for processed foods which are directly sold to general consumers at the place of manufacture or production and which are offered for eating and drinking at facilities. |
| | main ingredient | main ingredient of the processed foods under the coverage |
| | place of origin | place of origin of ingredient used for ingredient |
| | in the descending order by weight | in a manner in which the order by weight is identifiable |

(Labeling of characterizing ingredients)

**Article 5.** Cases where a product has a label that ingredients are of certain origins, organic plants, organic livestock products, organic processed foods and other characterizing ingredients or where a name of a product shows that characterizing ingredients are used, except for cases of labeling in accordance with article 4, paragraph 1, item 8 (including cases where applied mutatis mutandis by article 4-2, paragraph 8); article 4, paragraph 3; and article 4-2, paragraphs 6, any of the percent listed below shall be labeled in a close proximity to the mentioned label or in parentheses following the names of ingredients provided by article 3, paragraph 1, item 2 and by article 4-2, paragraph 1, item 2. If the percent is 100%, labeling of the percent may be omitted:

(1) The percent by weight of the characterizing ingredient in the total ingredients; or

(2) The percent by weight of the characterizing ingredient in the ingredients of the same category.

2. Cases where labeling that a certain ingredient is used in only a small quantity, its percent by weight in the product shall be labeled in a close proximity to the mentioned labeling or in the parentheses following the names of ingredients provided by article 3, paragraph 1, item 2.

(Prohibited labeling)

**Article 6.** Labeling of the following matters shall be prohibited:

(1) Any wordings which conflict with labeling in accordance with the provisions of article 3 or article 4-2;

(2) Name of place which may mislead the place of origin;

(3) Any letters, pictures, photographs or other labeling which may give an erroneous impression on the contents; and

(4) Making a cutting mark on the top of the roof-shaped paper package (except cases where making the cutting mark on the container of processed foods listed on the left column of Table 5 in accordance with the method listed in the corresponding right column of the same table).

(Other quality labeling provisions of processed foods)

**Article 7.** Other than those provided under articles 3 through 6, manufacturers, etc. shall label the quality of processed foods as otherwise provided by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

2. If otherwise provided by the standards of quality labeling established by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in accordance with article 19-13, paragraph 2 of the Law other than those provided under articles 3 through 6 and item 1 above, such provisions shall apply.

(Mandated target for manufacturers, etc. to endeavor)

**Article 8.** Manufacturers, etc. shall make every effort to provide documents containing the information on the processed foods which they sell to others and which are sold to themselves, and retain them to the minimum necessary for ensuring appropriate labeling of processed foods.

**Attached Table 1** (regarding article 2)

1. Wheat and barleys
   Polished wheat and barley
2. Flour
   Rice flour, wheat flour, cereal flour, pulse flour, sweet potato flour, prepared flour and other flour

3. Starch

   Wheat starch, corn starch, sweet potato starch, white potato starch, tapioca starch, sago starch and other starch

4. Processed vegetables

   Canned or bottled vegetables, processed tomatoes, processed mushrooms, salted vegetables (except pickles), pickled vegetables, frozen vegetables, dehydrated vegetables, "*tsukudani*"of vegetable origin (preserved vegetables boiled in soy) and other processed vegetables

5. Processed fruits

   Canned or bottled fruits, jams, marmalades, fruit butter, pickled fruits, dried fruits, frozen fruits and other processed fruits

6. Tea, coffee and cocoa

   Tea, coffee products and cocoa products

7. Spices

   Black pepper, white pepper, red pepper, cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, saffron, bay leave, paprika, all spices, Japanese pepper, curry powder, mustard powder, "*wasabi*" powder, ginger and other spices

8. Noodles, bread and similar preparations

   Noodles, bread and similar preparation

9. Processed cereal products

   Alpha cereal, processed rice products, oat meal, bread crump powder, wheat gluten bread, barley tea and other processed cereal products

10. Confectionary

    Biscuits, baked confectioneries, rice confectioneries, fried confectioneries, japanese confectioneries, western confectioneries, half pastries, japanese dry confectioneries, candies, chocolates, chewing-gum and bubble gum, confectioneries with sugar coating, snacks, frozen desserts and other confectioneries

11. Prepared beans

    Bean jam, boiled beans, soybean curd and fried soy bean curds, "*yuba*," dehydrofreezed bean curds; "*natto*"(fermented soybean), "*kinako*" (roasted ground soybean), peanut products; roasted beans and other prepared beans

12. Sugars

    Sugar, molasses and sugars

13. Other processed agricultural foods

    Alimentary konjac products and other processed agricultural products not covered by items 1 through 12 above

14. Prepared meat

Processed meat, canned or bottled meat, frozen meat, and other prepared meat

15. Dairy products

    Fluid milk, processed milk, milk drinks, condensed and evaporated milk, powdered milk, fermented milk and lactic fermented milk drinks, butter, cheese, ice cream and other dairy products

16. Processed poultry eggs

    Processed chicken eggs and other processed eggs

17. Other processed livestock products

    Honey and other processed livestock products not covered by items 14 through 16 above

18. Processed fish and shellfish

    Unsalted and dried fish and shellfish, salted and dried fish and shellfish, boiled and dried fish and shellfish, salted fish and shellfish, canned fish and shellfish, frozen processed aquatic products, fish paste products and other processed fish and shellfish

19. Processed seaweeds

    Dried tangle, processed tangle, dried laver, processed laver, dried undaria, "*hoshi-hijiki*", "*hoshi-arame*", agar and other processed seaweeds

20. Other processed marine products

    Other processed marine products not covered by items 18 and 19

21. Seasonings and soups

    Salt, soybean paste, soy-sauces, sauces, vinegar, "*umami*" seasonings, seasoning related products, soups, other seasonings and soups

22. Edible fats and oils

    edible vegetable fats and oils, edible animal fats and oils, and edible processed fats and oils

23. Prepared foods

    Prepared frozen foods, chilled foods, retortable pouched foods, box lunch, prepared dishes and other prepared foods

24. Other processed foods

    Yeast and baking powder, vegetable protein and seasoned vegetable protein, malt, malt extract and malt syrup, instant powder juice and other processed foods not covered by items 21 through 23

25. Beverages

    Drinking water, soft drinks, ice and other beverages

**Attached Table 2** (regarding Article 3)

1. Dried mushrooms, vegetables and fruits (excluding those flaked or powdered)
2. Salted mushrooms, vegetables and fruits (excluding pickles, provided by article 2 of the Quality Labeling Standard for pickles (Notification No. 1747 of the Ministry of

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 28, 2000))

3. Boiled or steamed mushrooms, vegetables, pulses and bean jams (excluding those canned, bottled or retort pouched)
4. Mixed vegetables, mixed fruits, other mixtures of vegetables, fruits and mushrooms (excluding those mixed without cut)
5. Green tea and packaged or bottled green tea beverage
6. Rice cake
7. Roasted shelled peanuts, roasted peanuts, fried peanuts and roasted beans
8. Alimentary konjac products
9. Seasoned meat (excluding those processed by heating, or those frozen after processed)
10. Boiled or steamed poultry meat and eggs (excluding those canned, bottled or retort pouched)
11. Slightly roasted meat
12. Prepared meat with deep-fry batter (excluding those processed by heating, or those frozen after heated)
13. Ground meats and other mixed meats (including meats or ground meats with their form shaped)
14. Unsalted and dried fish and shellfishes, salted and dried fish and shellfishes, boiled and dried fish and shellfish, tangle, dried laver, roasted laver and other dried seaweeds (excluding those chopped, minced or powdered)
15. Salted fish and shellfishes, salted seaweeds
16. Seasoned fish, shellfishes and seaweeds (excluding those processed by heating, those frozen after heated and those canned, bottled or retort pouched)
17. Boiled or steamed fish, shellfishes and seaweeds (excluding those canned, bottled or retort pouched)
18. Slightly roasted fish and shellfishes
19. Prepared fish and shellfishes with deep-fry batter (excluding those processed by heating, or those frozen after heated)
20. Mixtures of fresh foods other than those described in 4 and 13 (excluding those mixed without cut)

**Attached Table 3** (regarding Article 3)

1. Starch
2. Chewing-gum and bubble gum and frozen dessert
3. Sugar
4. Ice creams
5. Salt and “*umami*” seasonings

6. Drinking water and soft drinks only in glass bottles, excluding those sealed with paper caps, or in polyethylene containers and ice

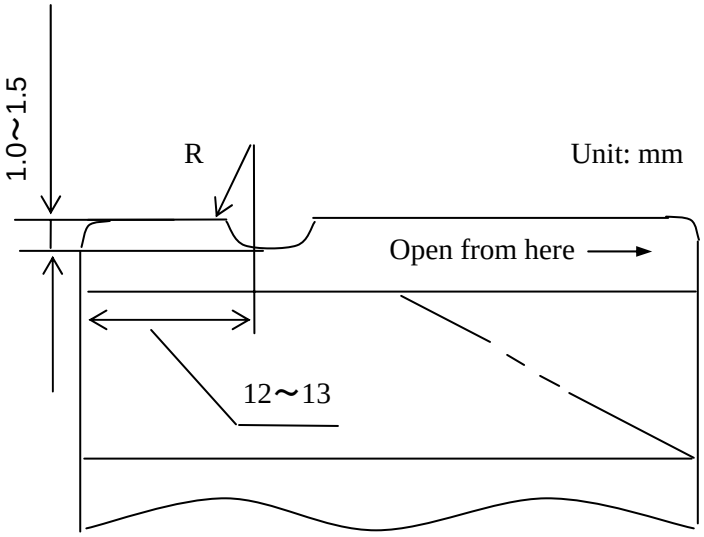
**Attached Table 4** (regarding Article 4)

| Processed Foods | Provisions |
|---|---|
| Processed tomatoes | Quality Labeling Standard for processed tomatoes (Notification No. 1632 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Dried "*shiitake mushrooms*" | Quality Labeling Standard for dried *shiitake mushrooms* (Notification No. 1633 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, item 1 |
| Carrot juice and carrot mixed juice | Quality Labeling Standard for carrot juice and carrot mixed juice (Notification No. 1634 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Instant noodles | Quality Labeling Standard for instant noodles (Notification No. 1641 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Raw type instant noodles | Quality Labeling Standard for raw type instant noodles (Notification No. 1642 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Macaronis | Quality Labeling Standard for macaronis (Notification No. 1643 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Hams | Quality Labeling Standard for hams (Notification No. 1647 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Pressed hams | Quality Labeling Standard for pressed hams (Notification No. 1648 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Mixed pressed hams | Quality Labeling Standard for mixed pressed hams (Notification No. 1649 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Sausages | Quality Labeling Standard for sausages (Notification No. 1650 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Mixed sausages | Quality Labeling Standard for mixed sausages (Notification No. |

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| | 1651 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Bacons | Quality Labeling Standard for bacons (Notification No. 1652 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| *Kamaboko* (steamed fish paste) with special package | Quality Labeling Standard for *kamaboko* with special package (Notification No. 1656 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Fish hams and fish sausages | Quality Labeling Standard for fish hams and fish sausages (Notification No. 1658 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Shaved *kezuribushi* (shaved dried fish) | Quality Labeling Standard for shaved *kezuribushi* (Notification No. 1659 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Processed sea urchin | Quality Labeling Standard for processed sea urchin (Notification No. 1660 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| *Uni-aemono* (mixture of sea urchin eggs and other marine products) | Quality Labeling Standard for *unini-aemono* (Notification No. 1661 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Dried undaria | Quality Labeling Standard for dried undaria (Notification No. 1662 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Salted undaria | Quality Labeling Standard for salted undaria (Notification No. 1663 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| *Miso* (soy bean paste) | Quality Labeling Standard for *miso* (Notification No. 1664 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Soy sauce | Quality Labeling Standard for soy sauce (Notification No. 1665 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Worcester sauces | Quality Labeling Standard for worcester Sauces (Notification No. 1666 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Dressings and dressing | Quality Labeling Standard for dressings and dressing type |

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| type seasonings | seasonings (Notification No. 1667 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Vinegar | Quality Labeling Standard for edible vinegar (Notification No. 1668 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Stock soup for noodles | Quality Labeling Standard for stock soup for noodles (Notification No. 1670 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Dehydrated soups | Quality Labeling Standard for dehydrated soups (Notification No. 1671 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Edible vegetable fats and oils | Quality Labeling Standard for edible fats and oils (Notification No. 1672 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Refined lard | Quality Labeling Standard for refined lard (Notification No. 1673 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Shortening | Quality Labeling Standard for shortening (Notification No. 1674 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 3, item 1 |
| Margarines | Quality Labeling Standard for margarines (Notification No. 1675 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Chilled hamburg steak | Quality Labeling Standard for chilled hamburg steak (Notification No. 1677 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Chilled meatballs | Quality Labeling Standard for chilled meatballs (Notification No. 1678 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Chilled potsticker (*gyoza*) | Quality Labeling Standard for chilled potsticker (*gyoza*) (Notification No. 1679 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |
| Prepared soy milk and soy drinks | Quality Labeling Standard for soy milks (Notification No. 1684 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000), article 4, paragraph 1, item 1 |

**Attached Table 5** (regarding Article 6)

| Processed foods | Method |
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| Milk (those provided in article 2, paragraph 3 of the Ministerial Ordinance on Standards for Milk and Dairy Products (Ministerial Ordinance No.52 of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, 1951) | The method shall be as provided below:<br><br><br>The radius R shall be 2.5 mm or 6.5 mm. |

**Attached Form (regarding to Article 4)**

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| Name |
| Names of ingredients |
| Name of place of origin of main ingredient |
| Net contents |
| Drained weight |
| Total quantity of contents |
| Best before |
| Storage instructions |
| Country of origin |
| Manufacturer |

**Notes**

1. “Name” in this form may be substituted with “Name of the product,” “Classification” or “Name of classification”.

2. The use-by date shall be read as the best before, where it shall be labeled in accordance with article 3, paragraph 4.

3. The “manufacturer” in this form shall be read as “distributor,” “processor/packer,” or

“importer,” if the person who is responsible for labeling is a distributor, processor, or importer.

4. Items which are not be labeled in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7 may be omitted.

5. Labeling of name, net content, or places of origins of ingredients may be omitted, where article 4, paragraph 2, item 4 or item 8 are applied.

6. This form may be written vertically.

7. The frame of this form may be omitted, where it is difficult to frame.

8. Regarding mandatory labeling items subject to the standard of quality labeling established under the provisions of article 19-13, paragraph 2 of the Law, the matters to be labeled provided in the Fair Competition Codes under the provision of article 10 of the Act Against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations, and any matters to be labeled under the other legislations to provide consumers with information for informed choices, all of which may be labeled within the frame.

**Supplementary Clauses**

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of enforcement of the Law to Partially Revise the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products.

2. With respect to the agricultural and forestry products other than those of which the standard of quality labeling have been stipulated under the provisions of article 19-8, paragraph 1 of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products prior to the revision by the Law to Partially Revise of the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labeling of Agricultural and Forestry Products, this notification shall apply to those which are manufactured, processed or imported on and after April 1, 2001.

**Supplementary Clause** (Notification No. 1630 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of December 19, 2000)

This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Clauses** (Notification No. 1336 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of September 28, 2001)

This notification shall take effect on seven days later the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Clauses** (Notification No. 1108 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of July 31, 2003)

1. This notification shall take effect the date of promulgation.

2. The processed products which have been produced, processed or imported before the effective date may be labeled in accordance with the provision of the former Quality Labeling Standard for processed foods.
3. The processed products which have been produced, processed or imported before July 31, 2005 may be labeled in accordance with the former Quality Labeling Standard for processed foods.

**Supplementary Clauses** (Notification No. 1402 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of September 10, 2003)
This notification shall take effect on 30 days later the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Clauses** (Notification No. 1360 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of July 14, 2004)
This notification shall take effect on 30 days later the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Clauses** (Notification No. 1705 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of September 14, 2004)
1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.
(Interim measures)
2. The processed products which have been produced, processed or imported before October 1, 2006 may be labeled in accordance with the provision of the former Quality Labeling Standard for processed foods.
(Review of items of processed foods listed on Table2)
3. Processed foods listed on Table 2 shall be reviewed if deemed necessary, taking into account the condition of production or distribution, consumer's concern or the deliberation of the relevant international standard.
(Abolishment of the Quality Labeling Standard for salted and dried fish and shellfishes and Quality Labeling standard for salted fish and shellfishes)
4. The Quality Labeling Standard for salted and dried fish and shellfishes (Notification No. 587 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of April 25, 2001) and the Quality Labeling standard for salted fish and shellfishes (Notification No. 588 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of April 25, 2003) are abolished.

**Supplementary Clause** (Notification No. 1512 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 5, 2005)
1. This notification shall take effect 30 days after the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Clause** (Notification No. 210 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of February 28, 2006)

1. This notification shall take effect on March 1, 2006

**Supplementary Clause** (Notification No. 909 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of June 30, 2006)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1051 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of August 1, 2006)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

(Interim measure)

2. Quality labeling on processed foods which are manufactured, processed or imported before July 31, 2008 may be labeled in accordance with the former Quality Labeling Standard for processed foods.

(Amendments to the Quality Labeling Standard for genetically modified foods)

3. The Quality Labeling Standard for genetically modified foods (Notification No. 513 March 31, 2000) shall be amended as follows:

"Manufacturer or processor/packer" shall be amended as "manufacturer, processor/packer or importer."

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1463 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 27, 2006)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1464 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 27, 2006)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1172 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of October 1, 2007)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

(Interim measure)

2. Quality labeling on processed foods which are manufactured, processed or imported before

September 30, 2009 may be labeled in accordance with the former Quality Labeling Standard for processed foods.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1370 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of November 6, 2007)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 1488 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of November 27, 2007)

1. This notification shall take effect on the date of promulgation.

**Supplementary Provisions** (Notification No. 125 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of January 31, 2008)

1. This notification shall take effect on April 1, 2008.
2. Notwithstanding the provision of article 4-2, paragraph2, labeling of place of origin of ingredient may be omitted for processed foods for institutional use which are used for green tea beverages and fried peanuts which are manufactured, processed, distributed or imported before September 30, 2009.