

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS

Under regulations established by the *Secretaria de Salud (SS)*, Secretariat of Health, food and beverage labelling must include a product description, a date of expiration, a list of ingredients, and the nutritional content of the product if nutritional quality is claimed. The labels must be in Spanish and must be affixed at the point of origin. A “best before” date is optional, but instructions for preservation should also be included. If the product contains outside packaging or wrapping, the labels must be on the outside wrapper or the wrapper must allow for the visibility of inside labels. The new regulations also specify certain claims that may not be made on a label.

TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND LEATHER

Textiles, clothing and leather (including linen, towels, curtains and rugs) must meet special labelling requirements, which are enforced at the border. Labels must be affixed to the product and not to the packaging. The *NOM* requirements include the importer’s Mexican *Registro Federal de Causantes (RFC)*, tax registration number, and sizing information in Spanish and in metric units. Product care information must include washing and drying instructions, ironing instructions, information about the use of bleach, and special recommendations.

REFRIGERATORS

Refrigerator labels must contain energy efficiency information. The label must show the refrigerator’s type, size in cubic metres, model number, average energy consumption and the annual energy cost.

MEAT PRODUCTS

NOMs covering meat have been amended several times in the past few years, but include the following requirements, in Spanish: country of origin, producer’s name and address, product name and description, lot number and net weight. The label must also include the words *mantengase en refrigeracion o congelado*, keep refrigerated or frozen.

EXEMPTIONS

Several categories of goods are exempt from labelling and certification provisions, including:

- goods accompanying passengers on international flights;
- goods that are part of household effects;