

Minimum Requirements for Spanish Labels — All Consumer Products

- Name of the product or good (including a product description, if not described in the name of the product or good).
- Name or trade name and address of the importer (this information may be displayed on a separate label and may be added after importation).
- Country of origin of the product.
- Net contents in accordance with its official Mexican standard, NOM 030-SCFI-1993.
- Warnings or precautions in the case of dangerous products.
- Instructions for use, handling and/or preservation of the product.

Source: Government of Canada translation of Article Five of the March 7, 1994 Decree, as amended by letters of clarification from the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI)*, Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development.

Labelling Requirements for Food and Beverage Products

Labelling requirements for food and beverage products have been established by the *Secretaría de Salud (SS)*, Secretariat of Health. Food and beverage labels must include the following:

- product description
- date of expiration
- list of ingredients
- nutritional content (if nutritional quality is claimed)

These requirements are in addition to the requirements for generic product labelling.

Additional Labelling Requirements

Products for which the *Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOMs)*, official Mexican standards, have been issued must be tested in Mexico and a compliance certificate obtained from the *Secretaría de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI)*, *Dirección General de Normas*, Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development, or from an agency accredited by them. This certificate must accompany the goods when they are imported.

Some of the *NOMs* include special labelling requirements, which are now enforced at the border. As of January 13, 1995, all products subject to *NOMs* must show the *NOM* logo on the product in a visible place, either on a label, sticker or decal. Exporters of these products should obtain a copy of the *NOM* for each relevant product to learn about any