








Labelling guidelines





Background

The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, Chapter 1, Part 1.2 Labelling and other information requirements, details which foods require labels and the specific information required on a label. Food labels help to protect public health and safety and should display information such as use by dates, ingredients, country of origin, fish species, certain allergens, instructions for storage and preparation, and advisory and warning statements. Food businesses are required to comply with the FSANZ Standard. The standard defines which foods require labels but also requires that specific information for food not requiring a label must be provided by display with the food, accompany the food or be provided to the consumer on request.

Guides to labelling of foods are available on various state, local government and the FSANZ websites as listed below.

For Domestic Sale

Source	Useful links
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	 Standard 1.2.1 - Requirements to have labels or otherwise provide information
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	 Labelling information
NSW Food Authority	 Food labelling
NSW Food Authority	 Labelling requirements for unpackaged seafood
NSW Food Authority	 Guideline for seafood retailers - compliance with the Food Standards Code
NSW Food Authority	 Fresh or unpackaged food
Department of Health, Tasmania	 Labelling Packaged Food guide: How to prepare labels for food for retail sale
Department of Health, Tasmania	 Food Exempt from Labelling: Providing information when there is no label
Department of Health, Victoria	 Food labels
SA Health	 Composition and labelling of food

Queensland Government	 Fish and fish products
Queensland Health	 Label Buster: A guide to the labelling requirements of the Food Standards Code
Department of Health, Western Australia	 Food labelling
ACT Government, Health Protection Service	 Food Labelling
Northern Territory Government	 Food labelling

For exporters

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry maintains the Manual of Importing Country Requirements ([Micor](#)) which details the known requirements that exporters must meet for acceptance to export trading partners. The Department recommends exporters work with the importers to ensure the products meet all requirements.

Webinars

Source	Useful links
World Health Organisation	 Front-of-Pack Labelling: Global best practices
SeaChoice Canada	 Seafood labelling and traceability