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Labelling Requirements

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HB **Inscriptions & Markings** 

- ▶ *All prepackages made up in accordance with this Directive shall bear on the package the following markings affixed in such a manner as to be indelible, easily legible...*
- ▶ Indelible - permanent
- ▶ Easily legible
 - Good contrast between marking & background
 - Not hidden, e.g. in fold of packaging
 - Marked horizontally

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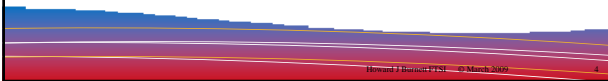
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Marking's Visibility



- ▶ ... and visible on the prepackage in normal conditions of presentation:
- ▶ Implies that as the prepackage is presented, the markings should be visible
- ▶ OIML R79 requires the markings to be on the principal display panel
 - Part displayed, presented, shown or examined under normal and customary conditions of display.



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HB Quantity Marking 

- ▶ The nominal quantity (nominal weight or nominal volume) expressed in kilograms, grams, litres, centilitres or millilitres,
- ▶ Volume for liquids
- ▶ Mass otherwise
 - for solids, semi-solids, gels, composite
- ▶ The nominal quantity if total content if inner containers not intended to be sold separately
- ▶ Multipacks & collections, outer marked with number & nominal quantity
- ▶ Specific quantity, e.g. for wine
- ▶ Aerosols,
 - OIML R79, mass (include propellant)
 - Directive, mass & volume, no need for mass

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HB Nominal Quantity Figure 

- ▶ and marked in figures at least 6 mm high if the nominal quantity exceeds 1 000 g or 100 cl, 4 mm high if it is from 1 000 g or 100 cl inclusive down to but not including 200 g or 20 cl, 3 mm high if it is from 200 g or 20 cl down to but not including 50 g or 5 cl, 2 mm high if it is not more than 50 g or 5 cl, ...
- ▶ A figure must be used, not a word.
 - 'One' is not permitted and has to be marked '1'.

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HB Figure Heights 

Quantity (g or ml)	Minimum figure height (mm)
5 to 50	2
>50 to 200	3
>200 to 1 000	4
> 1 000	6

Proposed food Regulation – minimum 3 mm for markings

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HB Unit of Measurement 

- ▶ ...followed by the symbol for the unit of measurement used or where appropriate by the name of the unit in accordance with Directive 71/354/EEC, as last amended by Directive 76/770/EEC. (See 80/181/EEC)
- ▶ Symbols are g, kg, ml, cl, l, mL, cL & L.
- ▶ No other abbreviations permitted
- ▶ OIML good practice, space between number & symbol


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Imperial Units



- ▶ *Markings in imperial (UK) units shall be in letters and figures of dimensions not larger than those of the corresponding markings in SI units.*
- ▶ oz, lb, fl oz, pt, qt and gal
- ▶ 1 lb = 453.592 37 g
- ▶ 1 gallon = 4.546 09 L
- ▶ US volume units are different.
- ▶ Recommend that all quantity markings are always together in close proximity
- ▶ Recommend that other quantities, e.g. drained weight, weight with immediate wrappers, are no larger & together in close proximity

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HB Identity

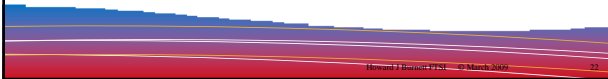
- ▶ a mark or inscription enabling the competent departments to identify the packer or the person arranging for the packing to be done or the importer established in the Community;
- ▶ Recommended minimum - name and post code
- ▶ Trade mark or registration mark OK if it enables the identity to be easily established
- ▶ Current website & e-mail addresses
- ▶ Other law may have more specific requirements & may require country of origin
- ▶ OIML R79 permits phrases, e.g. "packed for .."



HB 'e' mark




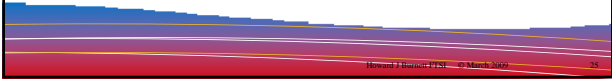
- ▶ a small 'e', at least 3 mm high, placed in the same field of vision as the indication of the nominal weight or nominal volume, constituting a guarantee by the packer or the importer that the prepackage meets the requirements of this Directive. This letter shall have the form shown in the drawing contained in section 3 of Annex II to Directive 71/316/EEC. Article 12 of this latter Directive shall apply mutatis mutandis.
- ▶ There is one marking which is the nominal quantity
- ▶ The 'e' mark is not mandatory







HB Questions? 



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