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Foreword

This standard replaces GB 7718-2004 “General Standard for the Labeling of Prepackaged Foods”. In comparison with GB 7718-2004, the major changes of this standard are as follows:

- The scope of application has been modified;
- The definitions of prepackaged foods and date of manufacture have been modified, definition of specification has been added, and definition of use-by date has been deleted;
- The declaration of food additives has been modified;
- The declaration of specification has been added;
- The declaration of the name, address and contact of the manufacturer and the distributor has been modified;
- The largest surface area of a package or container has been modified in the case that “the minimum size of words, symbols and numerals in the mandatory labeling information shall not be less than 1.8mm in height”;
- The recommended labeling requirement has been added in the case that the food may contain allergenic substances;
- The method of calculation for the largest surface area of a package or container in Appendix A has been modified;
- Appendix B and Appendix C have been added.

National Food Safety Standard

General Standard for the Labeling of Prepackaged Foods

1 Scope

This standard applies to the labeling of prepackaged foods to be offered to consumers either directly or indirectly. This standard does not apply to the labeling of food packaging which provides care to prepackaged foods during storage and transport and the identifier of bulk foods and made-on-site foods.

2 Terms and Definitions

2.1 prepackaged foods

Prepackaged foods means foods prepackaged or made up in advance with a measured quantity in packaging materials and containers, including foods prepackaged and made up in advance with a measured quantity in packaging materials and containers and having uniform quality or volume labels in a certain quantity limit.

2.2 food label

Food label means any words, pictorial, mark or other descriptive matter on the packaging or the container of food.

2.3 ingredient

Ingredient means any substance, including a food additive, used in the manufacture or preparation of a food and present in the final product although possibly in a modified form.

2.4 date of manufacture

Date of manufacture means the date on which the food becomes the final product, including date of packaging, that is, the date on which the food is placed into the packaged or container in which it will be ultimately sold.

2.5 date of minimum durability (best before)

Date of minimum durability (best before) means the date which signifies the end of the period under any stated storage conditions on the label of the prepackaged food during which the quality of the product will be maintained and the product will remain fully marketable and retain any specific qualities for which tacit or express claims have been made.

2.6 specification

Specification means the statement of the relation between net content and the number of individual food units where more than one prepackaged food units are contained in the same large prepackage.

2.7 principal display panel

Principal display panel means the part of the label which is likely to be seen under normal retail display conditions.

3 Basic Requirements

3.1 The labeling of prepackaged food shall be in accordance with the requirements of the State laws and regulations, and the related food safety standards.

- 3.2 The labeling of prepackaged food shall be clear, prominent, indelible and readily legible by the consumer under normal conditions of purchase.
- 3.3 The labeling of prepackaged food shall be easily understood by the public and supported by scientific evidence. Any indications, which are superstitious, pornographic, debasing other products, or unscientific, shall be prohibited.
- 3.4 The labeling of prepackaged food shall be true and accurate, and shall not be described or presented in a manner that is false, exaggerated, misleading or deceptive; or is likely to create an erroneous impression by means of different word size or color contrast.
- 3.5 The labeling of prepackaged food shall not be described or presented by words, pictorial or other devices which refer to or are suggestive either directly or indirectly, of any other product with which such food or its certain property.
- 3.6 Contents indicating the function of preventing and curing diseases shall not be declared or suggested, contents indicating the health care of the food other than health foods shall not be declared either explicitly or impliedly.
- 3.7 Labels in prepackaged foods shall be applied in such a manner that they cannot become separated from the container.
- 3.8 The words used on the label of the prepackaged food shall be in normal Chinese characters (except for trademark). Decorative fontwork shall be correct and readily legible.
- 3.8.1 In addition to Chinese characters, the Chinese pinyin and / or languages of minority ethnic groups may also be used on the label of prepackaged food, but the size of words shall not be larger than the corresponding Chinese characters.
- 3.8.2 In addition to Chinese characters, foreign languages may also be used corresponding to the Chinese characters (except the trademark; the name and address of the manufacturer of the imported food; the name and address of the overseas distributor; and website address). The foreign letters shall not be larger than the corresponding Chinese characters (except for trademarks).
- 3.9 Where the largest surfaces area of a package (container) of the pre-packaged foods is more than 35cm² (see Appendix A for the method of calculation for the largest surface area), the minimum size of the words, symbols and numerals in the mandatory labeling information shall not be less than 1.8mm in height.
- 3.10 Where different types of independent packaged food units which can be separately sold are contained in the same large prepackage (sale unit), each independent packaged food shall be labeled respectively.
- 3.11 Where an outer wrapper is easy to open or through the outer wrapper, the whole or part of the mandatory labeling information can be clearly distinguished in the inner package (or container); the same labeling information may not be repeated on the outer wrapper. Otherwise, the mandatory labeling information shall be indicated on the outer wrapper in accordance to the requirements.

4 Labeling information

- 4.1 Labeling information of the labeling of prepackaged foods directly offered to consumers

4.1.1 General requirements

Labeling information of the labeling of prepackaged foods directly offered to consumers shall include the name of the food, list of ingredients, net contents and specifications, name, address and contact of the manufacturer and/or the distributor,

date of manufacture and date of minimum durability; storage conditions, serial number of the food production license, product standard code and other required labeling information.

4.1.2 The name of the food

4.1.2.1 The specific name of the food shall be presented in the prominent place of the label, and shall clearly indicate the true nature of the food.

4.1.2.1.1 Where a name or several names have been established in respect of a certain food under a national, trade or local standard, one of these names or an equivalent name shall be selected for use.

4.1.2.1.2 In the absence of any such name, either a common or usual name which is not misleading or confusing to the consumer shall be used.

4.1.2.2 Where a “coined”, “fanciful”, “transliterated”, “brand” name, “folk” name or “trade mark” is used, it shall accompany one of the names provided in Section 4.1.2.1 in the same display panel.

4.1.2.2.1 When a “coined”, “fanciful”, “transliterated”, “brand” name, “folk” name or “trade mark” contains misleading words or terminologies, a specific name which indicates the true nature of the food in the same word size, shall be used in close proximity to this name in the same display panel.

4.1.2.2.2 When a specific name, which indicates the true nature of the food, is misleading as to the nature of the food due to the different size or color of the words, the same word size and the same color shall also be used to indicate the specific name.

4.1.2.3 There shall appear on the label either before or after the name of the food, such additional words or phrases as necessary to avoid misleading or confusing the consumer in regard to the true nature, physical condition of the food, or method of preparation of the food; for example dried, concentrated, reconstituted, smoked, fried, powdery, granular.

4.1.3 List of ingredients

4.1.3.1 A list of ingredients of the prepackaged food shall be declared on the label. The specific names of the ingredients in the list shall be presented in accordance to the requirements in Section 4.1.2; the names of food additives shall be presented in accordance to the requirements in Section 4.1.3.1.4.

4.1.3.1.1 The list of ingredients shall bear the introducer of “Ingredients” or “List of ingredients”. If the raw materials used in the preparation process are converted into other ingredients (such as wine, soy sauce, vinegar and other fermented products), the “raw materials” or “raw materials and supplementary materials” may be used to substitute “ingredients” and “list of ingredients”, and the various raw materials, supplementary materials, and food additives shall be listed in accordance with the requirements in related provisions hereof. The processing aids need not be indicated in the list of ingredients.

4.1.3.1.2 All ingredients shall be listed in descending order of their weights added in the process of manufacture or preparation of the food; those ingredients constituting less than 2% of the food may not be listed in descending order.

4.1.3.1.3 Where an ingredient is itself the product of two or more ingredients(except for compound food additives), such a compound ingredient may be declared, as such, in the list of ingredients, provided that it is immediately accompanied by a list, in brackets, of its primary ingredients in descending order of proportion. Where a compound

ingredient (for which a name has been established in a national, trade or local standard) constitutes less than 25% of the food, its primary ingredients need not be declared.

- 4.1.3.1.4 The genetic name of food additives in GB 2760 shall be declared. Genetic names of food additives may be presented as the specific names of food additives, or as the functional class names and specific names of food additives or the number of the International Number System (INS number) (See Appendix B for the labeling form). One type of declarations in Appendix B shall be selected to declare food additives on the same prepackaged food label. Where both functional class names and the INS number are used to declare food additives, in case there has not been an INS number for a food additive or it is required to declare allergenic substances, its specific name may be presented. Names of food additives do not include their preparation method. Where a compound ingredient constitutes less than 25% of the food, provided it complies with the carry-on principle in GB 2760 and does not serve a technological function in the finished product, it need not be declared.
- 4.1.3.1.5 Water added during preparation or processing of the food shall be declared in the list of ingredients. Water or other volatile ingredients evaporated in the course of manufacture need not be declared.
- 4.1.3.1.6 The edible package shall also be declared in the list of ingredients, unless otherwise provided in the State laws and regulations.
- 4.1.3.2 The following ingredients may be declared in accordance with Table 1:

Table 1 Declaration of ingredients

Ingredients	Declaration manner
Vegetable oils or refined vegetable oils, other than olive oil	“oil” together with either the term “vegetable”, or “refined”, qualified by the term “hydrogenated” or “partially-hydrogenated”, as appropriate
Starches, other than chemically modified starches	“starch”
All spices and spice extracts not exceeding 2% by weight either singly or in combination in the food	“spice”, “spices” or “mixed spices”, as appropriate
All types of gum preparations used in the manufacture of gum base for chewing gum	“chewing gum base” or “gum base”, as appropriate
All preserved fruits not exceeding 10% of the weight of the food	“preserved fruit” or “candied fruit”, as appropriate
food fragrance and flavoring	“food fragrance”, “food flavoring” or “food fragrance and flavoring”, as appropriate

- 4.1.4 Quantitative labeling of the ingredients
- 4.1.4.1 Where the labeling of a food places special emphasis on the presence of one or more valuable and/or characterizing ingredients or components, the quantity of the emphasized ingredients or components added at the time of manufacture or their percentage in final product the shall be declared.
- 4.1.4.2 Where the labeling of a food places special emphasis on the low or no content of one or more ingredients or components, the percentage of the emphasized ingredient or components in the final product shall be declared.
- 4.1.4.3 A reference in the name of a food to a particular ingredient or component shall not of itself constitute the placing of special emphasis.
- 4.1.5 Net contents and specifications
- 4.1.5.1 The net contents declaration shall be expressed using net content, numerals and the official unit of measurement (See Appendix C for the labeling form).

- 4.1.5.2 The net contents of the packaged food shall be declared in accordance with the official unit of measurement, in the following manner:
- For liquid foods, by volume L (l), mL (ml) or by weight (g), (kg);
 - For solid foods, by weight g or kg;
 - For semi-solid or viscous foods, either by weight (g), (kg) or volume L (l), mL (ml).

- 4.1.5.3 The unit of measurement for net contents shall be declared in accordance with Table 2:

Table 2 Declaration of the unit of measurement for net contents

Measurement method	Range of net content Q	Unit of measurement
Volume	$Q < 1000\text{mL}$	mL (ml)
	$Q \geq 1000\text{mL}$	L (l)
Weight	$Q < 1000\text{ g}$	g
	$Q \geq 1000\text{ g}$	kg

- 4.1.5.4 The minimum font size of net contents declaration shall be in accordance with Table 3.

Table 3 The minimum font size of net contents declaration

Range of net content Q	Minimum height of font (mm)
$Q \leq 50\text{mL}; Q \leq 50\text{g}$	2
$50\text{mL} < Q \leq 200\text{mL}; 50\text{ g} < Q \leq 200\text{g}$	3
$200\text{mL} < Q \leq 1\text{L}; 200\text{ g} < Q \leq 1\text{ kg}$	4
$Q > 1\text{kg}; Q > 1\text{ L}$	6

- 4.1.5.5 The net contents and the name of the food shall be presented in the same display panel of the package (container).
- 4.1.5.6 In the case of a solid food packed in a liquid medium and the solid contents being the main ingredient, in addition to the declaration of net contents, the drained (solid) contents shall also be declared in weight or percentage (see Appendix C for the declaration details).
- 4.1.5.7 For individually wrapped prepackaged food units contained in the same large prepackage, in addition to the declaration of net content, the specifications of individual food units shall also be declared.
- 4.1.5.8 The declaration of specifications shall include net content and the number of individual food units, or only the number of individual food units without the word “specifications” presented. The specification of individual food units means net content (See Appendix C for the declaration details).
- 4.1.6 Name, address and contact information of the manufacturer and the distributor
- 4.1.6.1 The name, address and contact information of the manufacturer shall be declared. The name and address of the manufacturer shall be the name and address of the manufacturer which is legally registered and capable of undertaking responsibilities concerning product safety quality. Whereas in the following circumstances, the labeling shall be made according to the following requirement:
- 4.1.6.1.1 Any group company or its subsidiary which by law bears independent statutory responsibilities may have the names and addresses of the group company and its subsidiary (production facility) declared; or may only have the name and address of the group company declared.
- 4.1.6.1.2 Any branch office or production facility of a group company which by law does not bear independent statutory responsibilities may have the names and addresses of the group company and its branch office (production facility) declared; or may only have

- the name, address and place of origin of the group company declared. The place of origin shall be declared to the prefecture-level region in accordance with administrative division.
- 4.1.6.1.3 In the case of contract packer authorized to produce the prepackaged food, the name and address of the company that authorizes the contract packer and of the company that accepts the authorization shall be declared, or only the name, address and place of origin of the company that authorizes the contract packer shall be declared, and the place of origin shall be declared to the prefecture-level region in accordance with administrative division.
- 4.1.6.2 At least one of the following items of the contact information of the manufacturer or distributor which by law bears statutory responsibilities shall be declared: telephone number, fax, internet contact, etc, or the postal address declared together with the address.
- 4.1.6.3 For imported prepackaged food, the country or region (such as Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan) of origin, and the name, address and contact information of the agent, importer or distributor registered in the People's Republic of China, shall be declared. The name, address and contact information of the manufacturer may not be declared.
- 4.1.7 Date marking
- 4.1.7.1 The date of manufacture and the date of minimum durability shall be clearly declared. Where the date is indicated by marking reference to a specific place of the package, this specific place of the package shall be indicated. There shall be no paste-over, supplement, or amendment to the declared date. (See Appendix C for the labeling form).
- 4.1.7.2 In case the same large prepackage contains individually wrapped prepackaged food units declared with dates of manufacturer and dates of minimum durability, the date of minimum durability on the outer wrapper shall be subject to that of the individual food unit with the earliest expiration date. Date of manufacture declared on the outer wrapper shall be that of the individual food unit earliest manufactured or the date on which the outer wrapper is formed for sale; the date of manufacture and date of minimum durability of each individual food unit may also be respectively declared on the outer wrapper.
- 4.1.7.3 The date coding shall be marked in the sequence of the year, month and day. In case the date coding is not marked in such sequence, sequence of date marking shall be clearly indicated (See Appendix C for the labeling form).
- 4.1.8 Storage conditions
- Labeling of prepackaged food shall indicate the storage conditions (See Appendix C for the labeling form).
- 4.1.9 Serial number of the food production license
- Where the labeling of prepackaged food shall indicate the serial number of food production license, the labeling form shall comply with relevant provisions.
- 4.1.10 Product standard code
- The standard code and order number of the prepackaged food which is domestically produced and distributed (does not include imported prepackage food) shall be declared.
- 4.1.11 Other labeling information
- 4.1.11.1 Irradiated foods

- 4.1.11.1.1 The label of a food which has been treated with ionizing radiation shall be marked “irradiated food” in close proximity to the name of the food.
- 4.1.11.1.2 Any ingredient which has been treated with ionizing radiation shall be declared in the list of ingredients.
- 4.1.11.2 Genetically modified foods
- The labeling of the genetically modified foods shall be made in accordance with the regulations of relevant laws and regulations.
- 4.1.11.3 Nutrition label
- 4.1.11.3.1 The labeling of the special dietary foods and staple and complementary foods dedicated for infants shall indicate the major nutritional ingredients and their contents, with the labeling method complying with GB 13432.
- 4.1.11.3.2 In case nutrition labels for other prepackaged foods are required, the labeling shall be implemented by reference to standards specified in relevant laws and regulations.
- 4.1.11.4 Quality grades
- Quality grades of products shall be declared in accordance with the product standard in which the grades for such food have been established.
- 4.2 Labeling information of the prepackage foods to be offered to consumers indirectly
- Labels of the prepackaged foods to be offered to consumers indirectly shall, in accordance with relevant requirements in Section 4.1, indicate food name, specification, net content, date of manufacture, date of minimum durability as well as storage conditions. Other contents not declared on the label shall be clearly indicated in the instruction or contract.
- 4.3 Exemptions from labeling requirements
- 4.3.1 The following prepackaged foods can be exempted from declaring the date of minimum durability: alcoholic beverages in which the alcohol content is 10% or over, vinegar, salt and sugar in solid form and monosodium glutamate.
- 4.3.2 For a package or container whose largest surface area is less than 10cm² (See Appendix A for the method of calculating the largest surface area), the name of the product, net content and the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor may only be declared.
- 4.4 Recommended labeling information
- 4.4.1 Batch identification
- The batch number of the product identification may be declared if necessary.
- 4.4.2 Instructions for use
- Instructions for use, like opening method, consumption method, preparation method, method of reconstitution and other instructions which are helpful for consumers may be declared if necessary.
- 4.4.3 Allergenic substances
- 4.4.3.1 In case the following foods and products thereof which may result in anaphylactic reaction are used as ingredients, their names in the list of ingredients should be identifiable, or prompt should be given in close proximity to the list of ingredients.
- a) Grains containing gluten and their products (such as wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt or their cross breeding strains);

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- b) Crustacea and products thereof (such as shrimp, lobster, crab, etc);
 - c) Fishes and products thereof;
 - d) Eggs and products thereof;
 - e) Peanut and products thereof;
 - f) Soybeans and products thereof;
 - g) Milk and products thereof (including milk sugar);
 - h) Nuts and products thereof.

4.4.3.2 In case the aforementioned foods and products thereof may be introduced during processing, prompt should be given in close proximity to the list of ingredients.

5 Others

Label identification for foods subject to special examination and approval in accordance with relevant national regulations shall comply with such relevant regulations.

Appendix A**Method of calculation for the largest surface area of package (container)**

A.1 Method of calculation for rectangular package (container)

In the case of a rectangular package (container), the product of the height (cm) of the side with the largest area times the width (cm) of that side.

A.2 Method of calculation for cylindrical package (container)

In the case of a cylindrical or nearly package (container), 40 percent of the product of the height (cm) of the container times the circumference (cm).

A.3 Method of calculation for any otherwise shaped package (container)

In the case of any otherwise shaped package (container), 40 percent of the total surface of the package (container).

If the package (container) presents an obvious “principal display panel”, the area of this “principal display panel” shall be used as the largest surface area.

In the case of packaging bag, when determining the surface area, size of the edge sealing shall be deducted. In the case of bottle-shaped or can-shaped, when determining the surface area, the shoulders, necks, and the flanges at the tops and bottoms are excluded.

Appendix B

Labeling form of food additives in the list of ingredients

- B.1** Declaration of specific names of all food additives in descending order of their weights added.
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, phospholipid, Polyglycerol Polyricinoleate, flavoring essence, Tartrazine), glucose syrup, Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids, carrageenan, guar gum, annatto, maltedextrin and food flavoring.
- B.2** Declaration of names of functional categories and international codes of all food additives in descending order of their weights added.
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (322, 476), food fragrance, coloring agent (102)), glucose syrup, emulsifier (477), thickener (407, 412), coloring agent (160b), maltedextrin and food flavoring.
- B.3** Declaration of names of functional categories and specific names of all food additives in descending order of their weights added.
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (phospholipid, Polyglycerol Polyricinoleate), food fragrance, coloring agent (Tartrazine), glucose syrup, emulsifier (Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids), thickener (carrageenan, guar gum), coloring agent (annatto), maltedextrin and food flavoring.
- B.4** A form of joint declaration of food additive items
- B.4.1** General principle
- Food additives to be directly used shall be declared in the food additive items. Nutrition enhancer, food fragrance and flavoring and bodying agent in the gum-based candy may be declared beyond the food additive items of the list of ingredients. Food additives not to be directly used shall not be declared in the food additive items. Sequence of declaring the food additives in the list of ingredients is determined by the gross weight of various food additives required to be incorporated into such item. B. 4. 2
- Declaration of specific names of all food additives
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, phospholipid, Polyglycerol Polyricinoleate, flavoring essence, Tartrazine), glucose syrup, food additive (Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids, carrageenan, guar gum, annatto), maltedextrin and food flavoring.
- B.4.3** Declaration of functional categories and international codes of all food additives
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (322, 476), food fragrance, coloring agent (102)), glucose syrup, food additive (emulsifier (477), thickener (407, 412), coloring agent (160b)), maltedextrin and food flavoring.
- B.4.4** Declaration of names of functional categories and specific names of all food additives
- Ingredients: water, whole milk powder, cream, vegetable oil, chocolate (cocoa mass, white granulated sugar, cocoa butter, emulsifier (phospholipid, polyglycerol polyricinoleate), food fragrance, coloring agent (Tartrazine), glucose syrup, food additive (emulsifier (propylene glycol esters of fatty acids), thickener (carrageenan, guar gum), coloring agent (annatto)), maltedextrin and food flavoring.

Appendix C

Recommended labeling form for partial labeling items

C.1 General

This Appendix provides the recommended labeling forms for partial labeling items of prepackaged foods in the form of examples. Labeling of corresponding items may employ but not be limited to such forms. In case the recommended forms shall be adjusted as required by the food characteristics or package features, basic meanings of the adjusted forms shall be consistent with those of the recommended forms.

C.2 Labeling of net contents and specification

For convenience of expression, net content examples uniformly employ weight as the measurement method and colon as the separator. On the label the unit of measurement actually applicable to the product shall be used. In addition, blank or other signs may be used as the separators according to actual conditions, so as to facilitate identification.

C.2.1 Net content (specification) of individual prepackaged food unit may be declared as follows:

Net content (or net content/specification): 450g;

Net content (or net content/specification): 225g (200g+25g for free);

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g+25g for free;

Net content (or net content/specification): (200+25)g;

C.2.2 Net content and drained weight (solid) may be declared as follows (take the “canned pear in syrup” as an example):

Net content (or net content/specification): 425g Drained content (solid content or pear slices): not less than 225g (or not less than 60%).

C.2.3 For several prepackaged food units of the same kind contained in the same prepackage, net contents and specifications may be declared as follows: Net content (or net content/specification): 40g×5;

Net content (or net content/specification): 5 × 40g;

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g (5×40g);

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g(40g×5);

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g (5 units);

Net content: 200g specification: 5×40g;

Net content: 200g specification: 40g×5;

Net content: 200g specification: 5 units;

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g (100g+ 50g×2);

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g (80g×2+ 40g);

Net content: 200g specification: 100g+ 50g× 2;

Net content: 200g specification: 80g×2+ 40g

C.2.4 For several prepackaged food units of different kinds contained in the same prepackage, net contents and specifications may be declared as follows:

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g (Product A 40g×3, Product B 40g×2);

Net content (or net content/specification): 200g(40g×3, 40g×2);

Net content (or net content/specification): Product A: 100g, Product B: 50g ×2, Product C: 50g;

Net content (or net content/specification): Product A: 100g, Product B: 50g ×2, Product C: 50g;

Net content (or net content/specification): 100g (Product A), 50g×2 (Product B), 50g (Product C);

Net content/specification: Product A of 100g, Product B of 50g×2, Product C of 50g.

C.3 Date marking

The year, month and day of the date may be separated by such signs as blank, oblique line, hyphen, full stop, etc, or no separator may be used. Usually, the year shall be marked in a four digit number, and a two digit number may be used for small package. Month and day shall be marked in a two digit number.

Dates may be declared as follows:

March 20, 2010;

2010 03 20; 2010/03/20; 20100320;

March 20, 2010;

(mm/dd/yy): 03 20 2010; 03/20/2010; 03202010.

C.4 Declaration of the date of minimum durability

The date of minimum durability may be declared as follows:

“Best before ...” Where the date is indicated;

“The date of minimum durability up to...” where the date is indicated; “The date of minimum durability of ...months (days, weeks or years)”.

C.5 Declaration of storage conditions

Storage conditions may be declared under such titles as the “Storage condition”, “Storage method”, or no title may be declared.

Storage conditions may be declared as follows:

Under normal temperature (or freezing, cold storage, in dark place or cool and dry place);

Preserved between ×× - ×× °C;

Please keep it in a cool and dry place; Preservation under normal temperature. Keep in a cold place after opening;

Temperature: ≤××°C, humidity: ≤×× %.